

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INADEQUATE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS TO GULF COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Non-resident Indians in the Gulf countries particularly the Keralites are facing difficulties in visiting their home land during vacation period due to operation of inadequate flights to and from Gulf Countries to India;

(b): whether the Union Government has received any representation from the State of Kerala in this regard;

(c): if so, the details thereof; and

(d): the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (d) : At present the designated airlines of foreign countries and Indian carriers are operating around 163 and 226 services/week respectively from the different airports in Kerala to the Gulf Region. From time to time representations have been received from Non-Resident Indian bodies, State Governments and passengers for increase of passenger flights from the Gulf Region to Kerala. During the festival season, extra section flights on the Gulf - Kerala sector are placed cleared by the Government to meet the increased demand.