

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW FLIGHTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals for introduction of new flights from various places in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon along with the new routes, if any, identified for the purpose, location-wise;
- (c) whether the deregulation of operations of flights in domestic sector has led/is leading to lesser development in the backward areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether Government proposes to connect the two-tier and three-tier cities with air service; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the cities/districts in the country including Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan proposed to be covered thereunder and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): Operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and flights are being operated by concerned airlines on the basis of commercial viability subject to adherence of Route Dispersal Guidelines. Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including north-east regions. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with Route Dispersal Guidelines.

(e) and (f): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued Civil Aviation Requirements for Scheduled regional air transport service with a view to promote air connectivity within a region, expand air travel services for Tier II and Tier III cities and between specific regions.

At present, the details of stations air linked by scheduled air services in the state of Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan are as follows:

Tamil Nadu: Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Trichy, Tuticorin. Uttar Pradesh: Allahabad, Gorakhpur, Kanpur, Lucknow, Varanasi. Rajasthan: Jaipur, Jodhpur Udaipur.