

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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HELICOPTER SERVICES AT TOURIST PLACES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce helicopter service at tourist places;
- (b) if so, the locations identified for the purpose, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c) M/s Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. is operating helicopter services to tourist destinations including hilly regions. Pawan Hans in co-ordination with the State Govts. has plans to start helicopter & sea plane services to connect places of tourist interest to promote tourism in these states based on commercial viability and availability of required infrastructure.

Discussions are underway in this regard with the respective State Govts. like Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh etc., to connect important tourist places like Ooty, Rameshwaram, Madurai, Munar, Darjeeling, Panchmarhi, Goa, Vrindavan/Agra etc.