

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India operates flights from all the operational airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start small airplane services connecting metro cities in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the locations/routes identified for the purpose along with the time by which the said service is likely to be started; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the air services in different parts of the country?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

- (a) and (b): No Madam. At present, Air India operates from/to 59 destinations in India. The details are annexed. Airlines are free to operate its services from anywhere in the country as per their commercial judgement subject to adherence to the Route Dispersal Guidelines laid down by the Government.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e): The 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. It is, however up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.