

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATION OF FLIGHTS BY PRIVATE AIRLINES

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the private airlines are free to operate flights from any location to another destination in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the impact thereof;
- (c) whether the said provision is hindering the development of backward areas in the country;
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto;and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes Madam. Operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and it is 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.

(c) to (e): With a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need of air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East (NE) region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Island and Lakshdweep, the Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG). In accordance with these RDG, all Scheduled Airlines who operate on Category-I (Metro) routes are required to deploy 10% of the capacity deployed on Category-I routes, on Category- II routes. Category-II routes are those connecting stations in NE region, J & K, A & N and Lakshadweep. The operator are also required to deploy at least 50% in Category III (small cities) of the capacity he deploys in Category I route.