

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR FLIGHTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has adopted any policy to allocate traffic rights to Air India and private Indian carriers on various international routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has allocated traffic rights in advance to enable them to make advance arrangement in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) whether a number of various new international routes have been opened for Indian carriers to fly for the next three seasons and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India has a policy to allocate traffic rights to all Indian scheduled carriers operating on international sector including Air India on various international routes. As per policy the allocation of traffic rights depends on the availability of such rights under the respective bilateral air services agreement. Due consideration is given to the operation plans submitted by Air India before allocation of the traffic rights to other eligible applicants.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. Grant of traffic rights to scheduled carriers is an ongoing process and depends on availability of bilateral rights and requests received from designated carriers based on their commercial judgement to operate on a particular sector. In order to make advance arrangements, traffic rights are allocated well in advance.

(e) Yes Madam.The traffic rights granted to Indian Scheduled Carriers since November, 2012, for operation on the new international routes are as under: Delhi-Rome-Madrid/Barcelona (Air India), Delhi-Moscow (Air India), Delhi-Sydney/Melbourne(Air India), Mumbai-Nairobi(Air India), Mumbai-AI Najaf (Air India), Lucknow -AI Najaf (Spicejet), Varanasi-AI Najaf (Spicejet), Delhi- Ho Chi Minh City (Spicejet), Delhi-Macau (Spicejet), Mumbai-Jakarta (Jet Airways), Mumbai-Zurich (Jet Airways), Delhi-Tashkent (Jet Airways), Mumbai-Ho Chi Minh City (Jet Airways),Hyderabad-Riyadh(Spicejet), Bangalore-Abu Dhabi (Jet Airways), Hyderabad-Abu Dhabi-Tehran(Jet Airways), Chandigarh-Dubai (Spicejet and Indigo), Madurai-Dubai(Spicejet), Hyderabad-Dammam (Spicejet), Kolkata-Guangzhou (Spicejet), Madurai-Kuala Lumpur(Spicejet), Bagdogra-Kathmandu (Spicejet), Bangalore-Bangkok(Spicejet).