

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2486  
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CONNECT SURAT BY AIR SERVICES  
Bundela Shri Jeetendra Singh;Singh Shri Bhola

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to connect Surat with various metropolitan cities of the country by air services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from the States in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) : No Madam;

(b): Does not arise;

(c) to (e): No proposal has been received from the States in this regard. 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. As such the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.