

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2533
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CONNECT SHIRDI BY AIR SERVICES
Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausahb

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take steps to link the world renowned pilgrim site Shirdi in Maharashtra with the air services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any requests from the public representatives in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the time by which Shirdi is likely to be connected with air services?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam;
- (b): Does not arise;
- (c) to (e): Government receives representations from various sources including public representatives for providing/ enhancing air services at different places. 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. ;
- (f): Any timeline can not be indicated.