

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OVERSEAS ROUTES TO PRIVATE CARRIERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open up large number of overseas routes to private carriers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Air India set to lose huge amount of revenue due to this proposal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon so as to protect the Government owned carrier; and
- (e) if not, the justifications therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): No Madam. Operation on any route is based on the commercial judgement of airlines and Air India is given first priority before making any allocation to any private carriers operating on international sectors.

(c) to (e): Does not arise.