

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS TO PORT BLAIR  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes introduce to international flights to Port Blair;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which the foreign tourists inflow to Islands is likely to increase with the introduction of International flights?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b) & (c): The designated airlines of ASEAN and SAARC (except Pakistan) countries have been granted unlimited access to 18 tourists destinations in India including Port Blair. However,actual operation by any airline is always guided by its own commercial judgement. Apart from this, tourists charter flights are operating on regular basis from the International destinations to Port Blair under the liberalized tourists charter guidelines of India to facilitate inflow of international tourists.