

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLIGHTS FROM PORT BLAIR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the demand for flights from Port Blair to Chennai and Kolkata during peak seasons and off peak seasons during the last three years and flights made available; and

(b) the steps taken to meet the demand especially by Air India?

Answer

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

(a):- To meet the demand for flight from Port Blair to Chennai and kolkata during the last three years, the details of scheduled air services including Air India are as under:-

Airline Details of Air Services from Port Blair

2006 2007 2008 2009

Air India Daily air service to Chennai and Kolkata

Jet Airways Daily air service to Chennai and Kolkata Nil Nil

JetLite Daily air service to Kolkata

Air Deccan Daily air service to Chennai and Kolkata Nil Nil

Kingfisher Daily air services Daily air service to Chennai Daily air service
to Chennai and Kelkata to Chennai

Spicejet Nil Daily air service to Chennai Nil
and Kolkata

(b):- 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 Government.