

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATIONS OF FLIGHTS TO AND FROM TRIPURA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total passenger traffic recorded at Tripura Airport during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number of flights being operated in a day, to and from this Airport;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of flights connecting Tripura; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): The total domestic passenger traffic recorded at Agartala Airport in Tripura during the last three years i.e. 2011-12 to 2013-14 and the current year i.e. (April-September) 2014-15 is as follows:

Year	Embarked	Disembarked	Total
2011-12	421827	414769	836596
2012-13	399683	391452	791105
2013-14	417439	407057	824496
2014-15	220574	211293	431867

(b):- As per Winter schedule following Scheduled domestic flights are operating to/from Agartala, Tripura:

Airline	Route	Flights/week
IndiGo	Delhi-Kolkata-Agartala & VV	67
	Kolkata-Imphal-Agartala-Kolkata	04
	Kolkata-Agartala-Imphal-Kolkata	03
Air India	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	07
	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata (MHA Charter)	06

There is no international flight from this airport.

(c) and (d):- The domestic air services have been deregulated by the Government but it 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 RDGs issued by the Government.