

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATION OF FLIGHTS TO SMALL CITIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has put on hold the scheme which requires domestic airlines to operate more flights to small remote cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its likely impact on the airlines especially the new airlines;and
- (c) the time by which the Government is likely to start this scheme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) To achieve better regulation of air transport services to un served and under served areas and the need for air transport services of different regions and remote areas in the country, the Central Government, in supercession of existing route dispersal guidelines, had issued guidelines on Policy on Regional and Remote Area Air Connectivity on 4.3.2014. The above policy has been put on hold in view of representations received from stakeholders. Accordingly, the earlier RDGs dated 1.3.1994 are in force at present. However, in order to improve air connectivity to remote and regional areas, a draft revised Policy was put up on the website recently for consultation with stakeholders.