

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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Air Connectivity to Tourist Destinations  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of world famous tourist destinations in the country which are not having air connectivity;
- (b) the details of airports which are important from tourism point of view, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of tourist destinations from where air services have been withdrawn;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to restart flight operations to and from these tourist destinations; and
- (e) 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) to (e) : Scheduled domestic airlines are operating from 78 airports including tourist destinations within the country as per summer schedule 2015 ( Annexure - 1)

However, information on destinations with tourism viewpoint are not required to be maintained as per existing regulations. Therefore, information specific to air connectivity to famous tourist destinations and withdrawal of flights from such destinations is not available.

Further, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of 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 specific demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG)

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