

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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DIRECT FLIGHTS

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to start a number of direct flights including Guwahati-Mumbai on both domestic as well as international routes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal to start direct flights from Raipur Airport to various other cities and towns in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether the Government has also received any proposal to start flights from Kochi and Trivandrum Airports connecting different cities in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

(a): At present no direct as well as via flight is operating on Guwahati- Mumbai sector. Domestic air services have since been deregulated. Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) 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.

International operations are based on the bilateral agreement between Govt. of India & Foreign Governments and grant of traffic rights to airlines by the Ministry.

(b): With regard to domestic air connectivity, airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance with RDGs issued by the Government. At present Jet Airways, Jet Lite, Indigo and Air India are operating flights to/from Raipur airports. Raipur is directly connected to Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Indore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kolkata and Vizag.

(c): At present Jet Airways, Go Air, Indigo, Alliance Air, Air India and Spice Jet are operating to/from Kochi (Cochin). Kochi (Cochin) is connected with Bengaluru, Chennai, Mumbai, Vizag, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Pune, Trivandrum and Agatti. As regards flights to/from Trivandrum, Jet Airways, Indigo, Air, Air India and Spice Jet are operating to Bengaluru, Delhi, Dehradun, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Cochin, Varanasi.