

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:20
ANSWERED ON:07.07.2014
REGIONAL AIRLINE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken note of private firms/State Governments evincing keen interest in starting regional airlines services in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received applications in this regard from certain private firms/States particularly from Kerala and if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (c) the action plan of the Union Government to encourage States to promote regional airline services?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Ashok Gajapati Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 20 DATED 7.7.2014
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(a) & (b): Government has received certain applications/proposals to start regional airlines from certain private firms. Recently, two firms have been granted initial NOC to start Scheduled Regional Air Transport Services i.e.

(i) Air Carnival (Southern Region) on 24.6.2014 and

(ii) Zav Airways (North east & Eastern region) on 30.6.2014. No application, however from Kerala to start Regional Airlines Services is pending.

(c): Parties desirous of operating Regional Airline Services are accorded permissions as per extant rules. Regional Airlines Services have an important role in promotion of regional connectivity, which is facilitated by the Union Government and needs to be supported by the States.