

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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British Airways Tie-up with Indian Carriers

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passengers flying direct between the United Kingdom and India each year and the number of scheduled services per week in each direction between the two countries;
- (b) whether State-run carrier British Airways is now moving ahead for a tie-up with Indian carriers to fly to more international airports in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Britain has requested for more flight slots at Delhi and Mumbai airports and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether UK and India have now agreed to ease restrictions on the number of scheduled flights between the two countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the objectives behind the move along with the other steps taken by the Government to open up more routes and opportunities and to provide greater range of flights for air passengers?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) Madam, the number of passengers flying direct between the United Kingdom(UK) and India during the last three years are as under;;

2013-14 25,16,456;

2014-15 23,07,622;

2015-16 25,28,131;

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As per IATA Winter Schedule 2016-17 effective from 30th October, 2016 to 25th March, 2017, the designated airlines of United Kingdom and India are operating 115 services per week in each direction between the two countries. ;

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(b) No madam.;

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(c) No madam.;;

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(d) & (e) Yes madam. In order to facilitate better connectivity between India and United Kingdom, bilateral talks between the Government of India and the Government of United Kingdom were held recently and it was agreed that the designated airlines of UK can serve any number of flights between Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore to any airports in UK other than London Heathrow . Apart from this, the designated airlines of UK can operate 7 services per week from any airports in India other than six metro cities. The Indian carriers can operate any number of flights to/from any airports of UK except the two routes i.e. London Heathrow -Delhi & London Heathrow -Mumbai route. On London Heathrow -Delhi & London Heathrow -Mumbai routes the designated carriers of both sides can operate up to 56 services/week. Apart from these provisions the provisions for code share operations between the two countries have also been liberalized.