

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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REGULAR AIR SERVICES TO AND FROM KOTA AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the airports proposed to be developed in Rajasthan particularly at Kota along with the time-frame fixed in this regard;
- (b) the time since which the airport in the Kota city of Rajasthan is operational and the types of airplanes which can be operated from this airport, category and capacity-wise;
- (c) whether regular air services to and from Kota airport have been discontinued and if so, the reasons therefor and the time period upto which regular air services were operated from this airport; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals to restart regular air services to and from Kota airport during the last three years and the current year 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): Development/upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending on traffic demand, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, availability of land etc. Presently, the airports at Kishangarh (Ajmer) and Kota in Rajasthan are proposed for development subject to additional land, free of cost and free from all encumbrances allocated by the State Government and hence no definite time frame in this regard can be given at this stage.
- (b): Since its inception, the airport is operational for 2B category of aircraft i.e. C-90/B-200D-228 (upto 20 seater) aircraft. However, ATR-42 type of aircraft can also be operated from this airport subject to load penalty. Presently, there are no schedule civil operations to and from Kota Airport. Airport is being used for general aviation facilities.
- (c): Yes, Madam. There are no regular air services to and from Kota Airport. During 1984 to 1995, Jagson Airways, Vayudoot and Rachna Air Services operated from Kota. However, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with Route Dispersion Guidelines.
- (d): No, Madam. No such proposal has been received from any airline during the last three years and current year.