

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3509
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2014
FLIGHT OPERATIONS OF SPICEJET FROM SURAT AIRPORT
Patil Shri Chandrakant Raghunath

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Spicejet has stopped its flight operations to/ from Surat Airport after wildlife strike incident;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a breach of contract by the airline for operation of flights; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr. Mahesh Sharma)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Spice Jet has temporarily suspended air services to/from Surat with effect from 07.11.2014 due to damage to one of their aircraft at Surat on account of buffalo hit.
- (c) No, Madam. Scheduled domestic airlines are free to operate anywhere within the country depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) laid down by Government.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.