

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3175
(To be answered on the 16th December 2021)

BAN ON FLIGHTS

3175. SHRIMATI ANGADI MANGAL SURESH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to ban on flights to and from South Africa in the light of new variant of Covid-19 Pandemic - Omicron virus, which is said to have origin in South Africa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a) to (b) Scheduled international commercial passenger services to/from India remain suspended w.e.f 22.03.2020 in view of Covid-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, the Government facilitated international travel of passengers in a restricted manner through the air travel bubble arrangements. As on 08.12.2021, air travel bubble arrangements have been formalized with 32 countries. These air travel bubble arrangements provide direct/indirect connectivity to more than 100 countries around the world. India has not formalized any air travel bubble arrangement with South Africa. Hence, there is no direct flight connectivity from India to South Africa at present.

Further, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has categorized South Africa as a 'country at-risk' as per the latest guidelines for international arrival.
