

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. : 406

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st August 2025)

REDUCTION IN FREQUENCY OF FLIGHT SERVICE

406. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the frequency of the daily flight service on the Nashik-Delhi route has been reduced to thrice a week and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that there is currently no evening flight from Delhi to Nashik and vice versa and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to expedite and coordinate inter-agency clearances involving DIAL and ATC for the approval of night slots at IGI Airport for this route; and
- (d) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken to increase infrastructure at Nashik Airport and improve air connectivity from Nashik, particularly in view of the upcoming Kumbh Mela?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 406 REGARDING REDUCTION IN FREQUENCY OF FLIGHT SERVICE ASKED BY SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE; (a) : The Nashik-Delhi route, which was earlier being operated by Indigo as a daily service, has been reduced to thrice weekly (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays) due to the ongoing CAT III upgradation works at Delhi Airport. (b) to (d): Slots at any airport are allocated by the Airport Operator based on the requests received from the airlines. With the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type and free to select whatever markets and networks they wish to serve and operate. Hence, it is up to the airline operators to consider the introduction or expansion of air services to/from any airport in the country, depending upon their operational and commercial viability. The Nashik Airport, owned and operated by HAL, was identified for development and operationalisation during the first round of bidding under UDAN. Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 11.19 Crore was incurred on development of the airport. Expansion and upgradation of airports is a continuous process undertaken from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports.
