

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4598
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AIR BUS SERVICE FROM BHUBANESWAR TO NEW DELHI
KUMUDINI PATNAIK

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the inconvenience caused to the air travellers of Orissa for going from Bhubaneswar to New Delhi and back for non-introduction of daily air bus service;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has been approached by the Government of Orissa/prominent citizens of the State for introducing daily air services from New Delhi to Bhubaneswar via Raipur, Jharsuguda, Rourkela which will cover the industrial belts of M.P. and Orissa;
- (c) if so, whether the Government are likely to introduce air bus services every day from Bhubaneswar to New Delhi and vice versa; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Requests have been received for operation of daily air bus service between New Delhi and Bhubaneswar or via Varanasi.

(c) and (d): Indian Airlines is, at present, operating thrice a week airbus service between Delhi and Bhubaneswar and Alliance Air is providing 4 days a week B-737 service on the sector Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Vizag - Chennai and return. Besides, Jet Airways also operates 6 flights per week on this sector.

Due to present route network commitments and commercial considerations, Indian Airlines is presently not in a position to introduce daily airbus service on Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi sector.