

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM LUCKNOW AND VARANASI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have upgraded Varanasi and Lucknow airports into international airports;
- (b) if so, the details of international flights operating from these airports;
- (c) whether the Government propose to provide more facilities at these airports during the current financial year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) Varanasi and Lucknow airports have been upgraded by Airports Authority of India (AAI) in terms of facilities, but not declared as International airports, at present. Customs and Immigration facilities are also available at Varanasi and Lucknow airports.
- (b) Indian Airlines operates Delhi - Lucknow - Sharjah & vice-versa flights two times a week and Air India operates Jeddah - Lucknow - Delhi and vice-versa flights two times a week. Necon Air operates Varanasi - Kathmandu and vice versa three times a week.
- (c) & (d) :- Following facilities are being provided / upgraded at Lucknow and Varanasi Airports during the current financial year.
 - (i) Strengthening and extension of runway including provision of Cat. III lighting system, construction of Technical Block-cum-Control Tower and Expansion of car park at Lucknow airport.
 - (ii) Extension of runway and construction of Terminal Building at Varanasi airport.
- (e) Does not arise.