

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS FOR N.E. REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to provide Rs.175 crore to Alliance Air during 2002-07 for running additional flights in the North-Eastern Region in order to promote the industry and tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps so far taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c): Government has approved payment of budgetary grant of Rs. 35 crore per annum from North Eastern Council's budget for 5 years (totalling Rs. 175 crores) commencing from 2002-03 to 2006-07 during the 10th Plan Period to Alliance Air for improving air connectivity in the North Eastern Region. Accordingly, North Eastern Council has accorded sanction to an 'on account' payment of grant of Rs. 35 crore for the year 2002-03 for procuring four 50 seater aircraft on lease by Alliance Air. These aircraft have been inducted in phases, in Alliance Air, which are being operated w.e.f. 3rd January, 2003 to different locations on North East Region.