

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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CONNECTION OF STATE CAPITALS WITH DELHI  
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of State capitals which have not been connected by air to Delhi so far;
- (b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to connect them by air route;
- (c) by when these are likely to be connected by air route;and
- (d) the adverse affect on development of these State capitals noticed for want of air services?

**Answer**

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

- (a): State Capitals of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh,Sikkim, Nagaland and Uttaranchal viz. Itanagar, Shimla, Gangtok, Kohima and Dehradun are not airlinked with Delhi by scheduled airlines.
- (b) & (c): Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.
- (d) It is not possible to estimate adverse impact on development of these State capitals due to non-availability of air links.