

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRLINK FOR HIMACHAL PRADESH
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have acquired 4 ATR 42-320 aircraft for exclusive operation in the North East Sector;
- (b) if so, the reasons for depriving Himachal Pradesh from the services of the said aircraft; and
- (c) by when the Government propose to introduce such aircraft in Himachal Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Alliance Air has inducted four ATR-42-320 50 seater aircraft on lease for providing increased connectivity in the North East Region with annual financial assistance of Rs.35 crores from the Department of Development of North East Region through the North Eastern Council. As such, these aircraft are deployed exclusively for operation of services in North East Region.