

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLIGHTS FROM KOLKATA AIRPORT
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kolkata airport will be allowed to undertake more international flights like Kolkata-China via Japan, Kolkata-Russia via China and Kolkata-London;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether due to heavy rush on Kolkata-Port Blair and Kolkata-Agartala sector Government propose to increase seat capacity; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Operations of international flights from any airport in India to foreign destinations are governed by the provisions of the Air Services Agreement between India and the country concerned. Actual operations are, however, matters of commercial judgement of the airlines. Designated airlines of more than 35 countries, including Russia and United Kingdom, are having rights to operate to Kolkata. British Airways is presently connecting Kolkata with London on twice weekly basis.

(c) & (d) : Subject to the fulfilment of route dispersal guidelines, airlines are free to deploy capacity on any sector as per their commercial judgement.