

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7098
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FLIGHTS TO VARANASI AND SARNATH
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering to increase the number of flights to Varanasi and Sarnath in view of increasing number of tourists to these places;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c): Airline operators are free to operate to any place/on any route with any frequency in their commercial judgement subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which stipulate certain minimum operations on specified category of routes. At present, Varanasi is well connected by air- Indian Airlines, Alliance Air, Jet Airways and Sahara Airlines are operating regular flights to/from Varanasi.