

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1126
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS TO COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any requests from several International Airlines to operate flights to and fro Cochin International Airport:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon: and
- (c) the expected load of traffic to and fro Cochin International Airport?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): Requests have been received from the Governments of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Austria, UAE, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan and Yemen for grant of Cochin as a point of call for their designated airlines. Since Cochin airport has now been declared as an international airport, the above demand will be discussed in the next round of bilateral negotiations for review of air traffic rights with the respective countries.

(c): Since the traffic load will vary from destination to destination, no definite figure can be indicated.