

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the British Airways is going to enhance its services to India substantially in near future;
- (b) if so, whether the Air India (AI) would also enhance its operations to United Kingdom;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of flights out of these are proposed to be operated from kolkata?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- During the last round of bilateral air services talks with UK held in April, 2005, the capacity entitlement for the designated airlines of both sides have been increased substantially. However, the actual operations by an airline is based on its commercial judgement. Recently, British Airways have increased their services to India from 19 Services/week to 35 Services/week, which includes 7 services to Mumbai, 4 services to Chennai and 5 services to Bangalore.

(b)&(c):- At present, Air India is operating 24 services/week to the United Kingdom and is planning to add 8 frequencies/week more an India-UK route.

(d):- Air India has recently commenced operations on the Kolkata/London Sector by operating 3 services/week effective 15th June, 2005.