

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NON -STOP FLIGHTS OF I.A.
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines (I.A.) has recently introduced new non-stop domestic and international flights;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Indian Airlines has conducted any survey with regard to various profitable and non-profitable routes in the country; and
- (d) if so, the findings thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The following non-stop flights were introduced by Indian Airlines in the summer and winter schedule, 2005:-

Summer Schedule:

Mumbai- Kolkata- Mumbai, Mumbai- Sharjah -Mumbai, Mumbai- Bangkok- Mumbai, Hyderabad- Singapore- Hyderabad, Bangalore- Bangkok- Bangalore, Hyderabad- Bangkok- Hyderabad and Chennai- Bangkok- Chennai

Winter Schedule:

Bangalore- Goa- Bangalore, Bangalore- Pune- Bangalore, Bangalore- Puttaparthi- Bangalore and Delhi- Singapore- Delhi sectors.

(c)and (d): Indian Airlines has conducted market surveys to determine the air traffic potential to new destinations such as Surat, Nashik, Kanpur, Ludhiana, Vijayawada, Dhanbad, Cooch Behar, Nanded, Gwalior, Jabalpur and Pathankot. As per their assessment, the traffic potential to the above destinations is not sufficient to sustain commercially viable operations with the jet type of aircraft in Indian Airlines' fleet.