

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLIGHTS TO EUROPE AND MIDDLE- EAST
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala regarding the operation of new flight services from Trivandrum, Kochi and Calicut to Europe and Middle-East destinations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Recently Kochi has been granted as an additional point of call for the designated airline of Germany during bilateral talks held between the two countries in May, 2005. British carriers were also granted access to Kochi during the talks held with U K in September, 2004. Further, following the recent signing of a revised Air Services Agreement with USA, their airlines are free to operate to any airport in India. However, the decision of actual operations to/from any destination by any airline is guided by its commercial judgement.