

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR CONNECTIVITY TO NE REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any plan for ensuring better air-connectivity to various destinations of the North Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement the plan?

Answer

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

(a),(b) and (c):- Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including the North Eastern Region. Subject to these guidelines, airlines are free to provide air services to any place depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. Indian Airlines, Alliance Air, Sahara Airlines, Air Deccan, Jet Airways and Kingfisher Airlines are already providing connectivity to North East. Besides Alliance Air under an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with North Eastern Council has taken on lease 4 ATR aircraft which are exclusively deployed in the North East Region.