

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR SERVICE FOR SHOLAPUR .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any air services to Sholapur in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c): Indian Airlines currently does not have any plans to introduce air services to Sholapur due to low traffic potential and non-availability of aircraft capacity. The existing fleet of Indian Airlines/Alliance Air is fully committed in the operation of services in the existing schedule and no spare capacity is available.

However, 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, Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines. Airlines are now free to operate anywhere in the country depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability and subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines.