

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DIRECT FLIGHTS TO KERALA .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to increase the air seat capacity in the existing route to Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from M/s. Lufthansa for starting direct flights to Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken thereon by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Designated airlines of 23 foreign countries have been granted access to operate to different airports in Kerala. Among them, 9 foreign airlines are presently operating 117 services/week to/from Kerala apart from Indian scheduled carriers. However actual operation by any airline to any particular point is always guided by its commercial judgement.

(c), (d) and (e): Though Cochin is available as a point of call for the designated airlines of Germany, M/s. Lufthansa have not filed any request to mount services to/from Cochin.