

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NON STOP FLIGHTS .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): Whether the Government proposes to introduce long haul non-stop flights from Delhi and other airports in the country to the foreign countries before 2010 Commonwealth Games;
- (b): If so, the details thereof;
- (c): The sectors proposed to be connected with long haul non-stop flights, sector-wise; and
- (d): The other arrangements proposed to be made at the airports in the country keeping in view the Commonwealth Games 2010?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c): Traffic rights for operation of international air services are specified in our bilateral Air Services Agreements with various countries and are reviewed from time to time as part of an on-going process depending on traffic demand, balance of benefit to our carriers, overall interest of national economy and diplomatic/political consideration. The airlines of foreign countries and our own carriers are utilizing these traffic rights according to their commercial judgement. Air India propose to introduce long haul flights to New York, Chicago, Frankfurt and Beijing 2007-2010.

(d): The Government has taken significant steps for the restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai airport and work on development of greenfield airports at Bangalore and Hyderabad. Also, upgradation /expansion /developments of airports is undertaken depending upon traffic potential, requirement of airline operators, and need of travelling people. Some of the activities contemplated to be completed at Delhi Airport prior to commonwealth games are as under:-

(i) Construction of a new terminal (common for domestic and international) by March, 2010.

(ii) Completion of new parallel runway 10 - 28 by March, 2008.

(iii) Traffic rights have been significantly liberalized over past few years and connectivity to/from Delhi on international routes has also improved and is likely to further improve as per the exchange of bilateral traffic rights.