

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3311
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FLIGHTS BETWEEN IMPHAL AND GUWAHATI.
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Indian Airlines flights between Imphal and Guwahati has been withdrawn on the days except on Wednesday and Sunday;
- (b) If so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the Government is considering to restore these flights keeping in view the heavy demands;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The time by which these are likely to be restored?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): Indian Airlines` subsidiary, Alliance Air was operating a twice weekly frequency between Imphal and Guwahati with ATR42 aircraft which has been withdrawn effective 10th July, 2006 due to shortage of operating crew and with an objective to ensure timely and regular operation of services. However, there are operations by other airlines on this route to meet the traffic requirements.
- (c),(d) and (e): Restoring of the above flights is dependent upon availability of operating crew and no definite time frame can be indicated at this point of time. However, an endeavour is being made to hire crew at the earliest.