

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF AIR SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal recently from the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding introducing air services on the New Delhi-Bhopal-Jabalpur, Nagpur-Chennai and Mumbai-Indore-Bhopal, Jabalpur-Kolkata routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh had requested in February, 2006 for introduction of flights on these two sectors.

(c): The proposal was examined in this Ministry in consultation with Indian Airlines and, as per Indian Airlines' estimates, the traffic potential to/from Jabalpur is not sufficient to sustain commercially viable operations with the jet type of aircraft available in its fleet. 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. It is, however up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.