

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:330
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
FEEDER AIR SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce feeder air services connecting a large number of cities by air;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether air service between Delhi- Ahmedabad, Delhi-Vadodara- Delhi is inadequate;
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to introduce more flights on these sectors;
- (e) whether the Government is planning to introduce direct service between Delhi and Bhuj; and
- (f) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e) and (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b),(c),(d),(e) AND (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.330 FOR 23/12/2004 REGARDING FEEDER AIR SERVICES

(a), (b), (e) and (f): Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines 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 including North-Eastern region. It is, however, upto 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.

(c) and (d): Domestic scheduled operators are operating 37 flights per week on Delhi-Ahmedabad sector and 14 flights per week on Delhi-Vadodara sector.