

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLIGHTS FROM CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to increase international flights from Chennai International Airport to various countries;
- (b) if so, the details of international flights going/coming to the above-mentioned airport from various countries; and
- (c) the number of Air India flights from Chennai to Colombo, Sri Lanka?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Under the Air Services Agreements entered into by India, designated airlines of 19 countries are having traffic rights for operations to Chennai. Presently 12 foreign airlines are operating a total of 67 international flights per week from their respective countries to Chennai. Indian Airlines is connecting Chennai to Bangkok, Colombo, Dubai, Fujairah, Kuala Lumpur, Kuwait, Muscat, Ras-Al-Khaimah, Sharjah and Singapore. Air India is also operating to Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Kuwait to/from Chennai.

(c): Air India is not operating from Chennai to Colombo. However Indian Airlines is operating a daily flight between Chennai and Colombo. Sri Lankan Airlines is also operating 15 flights per week between these two destinations.