

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR SERVICE BETWEEN JABALPUR AND DELHI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether air service between certain air sectors including Jabalpur and Delhi has been discontinued;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which these services will be restarted?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Prior to 5th September 2001, Jabalpur was linked by Indian Airlines by DO228 services. Effective 5th September 2001, Jabalpur was linked with B737 aircraft on Delhi-Raipur -Jabalpur- Delhi route on thrice weekly basis. The passenger carriage between Delhi-Jabalpur was about 20 passengers per flight.

In view of inadequate passenger demand, B737 services were withdrawn from Jabalpur effective 25th March, 2003 and Jabalpur was re-linked with DO228 aircraft on Delhi-Gwalior - Jabalpur and vice versa route.

In view of reduction in DO228 aircraft fleet due to an incident at Jaipur in June 2002, Indian Airlines had to withdraw DO228 services from Jabalpur along with other stations such as Shimla, Kulu, Dehradun, Gwalior and Dharamshala effective September, 2002.

(c): Due to inadequate passenger demand and non-availability of suitable aircraft in its fleet Indian Airlines is not considering restarting air services to/from Jabalpur for the present.