

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2296
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BHOPAL TO JEDDAH FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether All India Muslim Tehwar Committee submitted a memorandum for a direct flight from Bhopal to Jeddah for Haj Pilgrims of Madhya Pradesh to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of other organisations which submitted the memorandum in this regard;
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto;and
- (e) the time by which such flights are likely to be started?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. All India Muslim Tehwar Committee had submitted memoranda to the Government requesting operation of direct haj charter flight from Bhopal to Jeddah for the Haj pilgrims of Madhya Pradesh.
- (c): Similar requests were also received from the Mayor of Bhopal and Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission.
- (d): Due to logistical reasons it has not been found possible to include Bhopal as an embarkation point for Haj flights.
- (e) : Does not arise.