

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1702  
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AIR CONNECTIVITY TO JHARKHAND  
Munda Shri Arjun

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is least air connectivity in Jharkhand in comparison to other States of the country; and  
(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to connect Jamshedpur, Bokaro and Dhanbad with air services?

**Answer**

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

(a):- No, Sir. At present three schedule commercial airlines viz. Air India, Kingfisher and MDLR connect Jharkhand from other parts of the country.

The details of scheduled air services in the State of Jharkhand are as under:

NACIL

Mumbai-Delhi-Ranchi & VV            Daily

Kingfisher Airlines

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Kolkata-Ranchi-Kolkata            Daily

Kolkata-Jamshedpur-Kolkata        Daily

Delhi-Ranchi-Patna-Delhi            Daily

Mumbai-Patna-Ranchi-Mumbai        Daily

MDLR Airlines

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Delhi-Ranchi-Jamshedpur & VV        Daily

(b): Kingfisher and MDLR are already providing air services from Jamshedpur. As regards, Bokaro and Dhanbad, the 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. Subject to these guidelines, airlines are free to provide air services to any place 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.