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Title: Need to operate morning and evening flights between Surat and New Delhi.

SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH (SURAT): Currently Air India operates only a single flight just 3 times a week from Surat to New Delhi. The current timing of the flight is only in the morning.

I request the Government to reschedule the departure & arrival timings of both morning & evening flights as this will enable businessmen & corporate to finish a full day's work in New Delhi & return to Surat by night. Currently due to operation of flights only in the morning, the passengers have to spend a night in New Delhi, thereby wasting precious time.

I also request the Government to consider Surat for hopping flights between Mumbai & New Delhi. This will enable connectivity to Mumbai as well without having to include direct flights from Mumbai. It will also help Air India to operate multiple flights a day for morning & evening.

Surat is also home to one of the largest number of NRIs in India. They frequently travel home from their respective countries every year. Currently they land at Mumbai and Delhi Airport, which is already very congested. Most of the international flights land during night time. Thus there is no connectivity to Surat at desired hour in the morning from both Mumbai and Delhi.

Under these circumstances, I request the Minister concerned to take action for increasing the frequency of flights to both New Delhi & Mumbai as I am sure they will run with a 90-100% occupancy rate.