

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 02.03.2010**

**ANSWERED ON**

**AIR SERVICE BETWEEN BAGDOGRA AND KATHMANDU .**

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SHRI SAMAN PATHAK

Will the Minister of COAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :-

- (a): whether Government has any plan to introduce air service between Bagdogra and Kathmandu;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (d): whether Government is considering to accord the status of international airport to Bagdogra airport?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a) to (c): As per the existing India - Nepal bilateral air services arrangements, the designated airlines of each side have an unlimited access to/from Bagdogra. However, actual operation by any airlines is guided by its commercial judgement.

(d): No, Sir.