

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO : 90  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015)**

**LOW COST REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY TO REMOTE  
PLACES**

\*90. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA

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

- (a) whether the Central Government proposes to unveil a policy to encourage low cost regional air connectivity to remote places across the country, if so, the details of the policy;
- (b) whether the regional air routes as well as destinations have been identified by Government; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when such policy would be implemented?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**REPLY IN RESPECT OF PART (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 90 FOR 28.7.2015 REGARDING LOW COST  
REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY TO REMOTE PLACES.**

(a) to (c): The objective of regional air connectivity to remote places across the country is already being met by the Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) issued by this Ministry. As per the RDGs, certain number of flights are obligated to be undertaken by all Schedule airlines to remote and regional areas, which comprises the States of North East, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands. Within the overall ambit of RDG, airlines are free to choose any destinations in the remote and regional area.

Further, with a view to promote regional air connectivity, Government also introduced a separate category of Scheduled Air Transport (Regional) Services.

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