

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM GUWAHATI

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

- (a) the number of airports in the North-Eastern Region and the places where international airports are proposed to be set up;
- (b) whether Government intends to increase the number of international flights from Guwahati in Assam keeping in view its religious and cultural importance as well as its significance from tourism point of view;
- (c) whether Government plans to start new direct flights from Guwahati for international places such as Singapore, Dubai, Bangkok and Kualalampur and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

- (a): There are 11 operational airports in North Eastern Region, out of which two airports, Guwahati and Imphal are international airports. There is no such proposal for setting up new International airports in NER.
- (b) to (d): Indian carriers are free to mount services from any point in India to foreign destinations as per the respective bilateral agreements against the traffic rights allocated to them. The Govt. does not interfere in the commercial judgment of the airlines for operations on any route allocated to the designated carriers. The foreign airlines can operate on designated points of call available under the bilateral agreement. Guwahati is available as point of call to designated airlines of ASEAN (except Philippines, Laos) and SAARC (except Pakistan and Afghanistan) countries for unlimited operations.
