

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 193
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st December 2015)

IMPROVING REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY BY STATES

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked State Governments to work towards improving regional air connectivity by providing financial support to smaller carrier on the lines of Madhya Pradesh, which underwrites about three seats every flight and also waives off tax paid on fuel purchased in the State;
- (b) if so, the response received from the State Governments in this regard;
- (c) whether it is a also a fact that the Union Government is considering to underwrite some seats in every flight that operate in remote areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (d): The regional connectivity is being accorded higher priority by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and accordingly the Draft Civil Aviation Policy (DCAP) inter alia provides that State Governments will provide free land and model hinter land connectivity as required, Police and Fire Services free of cost, exemption of service tax on tickets under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) and power, water, and other utilities at concessional rates.
