

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

Rajya Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1626

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st August 2022

**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS SERVICE FROM MOHALI AND AMRITSAR
AIRPORTS**

1626. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA

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

(a) the details of the new international flights added to Mohali and Amritsar airports during the past five years;

(b) the details of international flight services suspended from both the airports due to COVID-19 pandemic as well as the services that have been resumed till date; and

(c) the reasons for flight services from Amritsar airport to Canada not being added despite a massive number of passengers travelling to the said destination from said source every year?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) and (b) The details of international operations from Chandigarh (Mohali) and Amritsar airports during the past 5 years are attached at Annexure.

(c) Indian designated carriers are free to mount scheduled operations to/from any international airport, including Amritsar, under the ambit of bilateral Air Service Agreements concluded by India with foreign countries. Currently, due to significant imbalance in the number of points of call in favour of foreign carriers, the Government of India is not granting any non-metro airport as a new point of call to any foreign carrier for the purpose of operating passenger services.

Also, Amritsar is well-connected to Delhi from where direct flights are operated to/from Canada. At present, 63 services/week are being operated between Amritsar and Delhi.

Details of international operations from Chandigarh (Mohali) Airport during the last 5 years

Schedule	Airline	Destination	Frequency (services/week)
Winter 2018	Air India Express	Sharjah	3
	Indigo	Dubai	6
Winter 2019	Air India Express	Sharjah	3
	Indigo	Dubai	6
Winter 2020*	Nil	Nil	NIL
Winter 2021*	Air India Express	Sharjah	2
Summer 2022	Air India Express	Sharjah	2
	Indigo	Dubai	7

* Scheduled international operations were suspended during this period. Only non-scheduled flights were operational.

Details of international operations from Amritsar Airport during the last 5 years**Winter Schedule 2018**

Indian Carrier		
Airline	Route	Frequency (services/week)
Spice Jet	Dubai	7
Air India	London	7
	Birmingham	7
Air India Express	Dubai	7

Foreign Carrier		
Airline	Destination	Frequency (services/week)
Qatar Airways	Doha	7
Malindo	Singapore	7
Scoot	Kuala Lumpur	7
Turkmenistan Airways	Ashgabat	6
Uzbekistan Airways	Tashkent	3

Winter Schedule 2019

Indian Carrier		
Airline	Route	Frequency (services/week)
Spice Jet	Dubai	7
Air India	Birmingham	6
Air India Express	Dubai	7

Foreign Carrier		
Airline	Destination	Frequency (services/week)
Qatar Airways	Doha	7
Air Asia X	Kuala Lumpur	4
Malindo	Kuala Lumpur	4
Scoot	Singapore	4
Uzbekistan Airways	Tashkent	4

Winter Schedule 2020*

Foreign Carrier		
Airline	Route	Frequency (services/week)
Qatar Airways	Doha	4

Indian Carrier		
Airline	Route	Frequency (services/week)
Indigo	Sharjah	2
	Dubai	2
Spice Jet	Dubai	2
Air India	London	1
	Dubai	2
	Birmingham	1
	Doha	1
	Abu Dhabi	1
Air India Express	Abu Dhabi	1
	Dubai	5

Winter Schedule 2021*

Foreign Carrier		
Airline	Route	Frequency (services/week)
Qatar Airways	Doha	2

Indian Carrier		
Airline	Route	Frequency (services/week)
Indigo	Sharjah	7
	Dubai	3
Spice Jet	Dubai	4
Air India	London	1
	Dubai	2
	Birmingham	1
	Doha	1
	Abu Dhabi	1
Air India Express	Sharjah	7
	Dubai	3

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Summer Schedule 2022

Foreign Carrier		
Airline	Route	Frequency (services/week)
Qatar Airways	Doha	7
Scoot	Singapore	5

Indian Carrier		
Airline	Route	Frequency (services/week)
Indigo	Sharjah	7
Spice Jet	Dubai	7
Air India	London	3
	Birmingham	1
Air India Express	Sharjah	3
	Dubai	7