

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1142
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31st July 2023)**

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

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

- (a) the details of all the international flights that have been started from Chandigarh, Amritsar and Adampur in the last four years;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to increase Global connectivity from Chandigarh, Amritsar and Adampur; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to increase the number of international airports in the State of Punjab for better connectivity and reduced traffic?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) Amritsar airport has international services to/from Birmingham, Doha, Dubai, Kuala Lumpur, London Gatwick, Milan, Mumbai, Sharjah, Singapore. Chandigarh airport has international services to/from Dubai and Sharjah. In the last 4 years new international services have been started from Amritsar airport to London Gatwick and Milan.

(b) International flight operations are governed by bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and the respective countries. In accordance with ASA, Indian designated carriers are free to mount operations to/from any international airport including those in Punjab to foreign destinations as per mutually agreed capacity limits.

However, start of international flight from any point in India is purely a commercial decision of the airlines on the basis of economic viability of the route and other associated factors.

(c) Government considers the declaration of an airport as International on a case to case basis based on traffic potential, airline request, bilateral agreements and

market analysis, etc. Currently, international passenger travelling to/from Punjab are served by Amritsar and Chandigarh airports.
