

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 321
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th July 2023
FLIGHTS BETWEEN INDIA AND CANADA

321. SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a need to introduce more flights between Punjab and Canada as the maximum number of Indians settled in Canada are Punjabis;

(b) if so, details of the number of Punjabi Domiciles travelled to Canada in last five years, year-wise;

(c) details of the number and monthly frequency of flights between India and Canada including Punjab and Canada in last three years, year-wise; and

(d) whether Government is planning to increase number of flights between India and Canada including Punjab and Canada, if so, details thereof with timeline?

ANSWER

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

(a) In recent past, the Government has received references from Members of Parliament regarding air connectivity between Punjab and Canada.

(b) As per details provided by airlines, the number of passengers travelling between airports in Punjab and airports in Canada is as follows:

2018 (Apr-Dec) : 20,177

2019 : 30,296

2020 : 12,472

2021 : 16,213

2022 : 37,221

(c) After resumption of international scheduled commercial passenger operations in March 2022, operations between India and Canada in Summer schedule 2022, Winter schedule 2022-23 and Summer schedule 2023 is as at Annexure.

(d) Operations of airlines are governed by bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and the respective country (which has designated the airline). Any foreign airline can operate to/from a point (airport) in India if it is designated as a point of call in the ASA. India has an open sky arrangement with Canada which allows Air Canada to operate unlimited direct connectivity to 6 Indian cities (Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Kolkata).

Indian designated carriers are free to mount operations to/from any point in India including airports in Punjab to any Canadian destinations under the ambit of bilateral air service agreement.

Annexure referred to in RS unstarred question no. 321 to be answered on
24.07.2023

Operations as per Summer schedule 2022:-

Air Canada:- 3 Services per week on Montreal-Delhi-Montreal;
7 Services per week on Vancouver-Delhi-Vancouver;
10 Services per week on Toronto-Delhi-Toronto

Air India:- 3 Services per week on Delhi-Vancouver-Delhi;
7 Services per week on Delhi-Toronto-Delhi

Operations as per Winter schedule 2022-23:-

Air Canada:- 3 Services per week on Montreal-Delhi-Montreal;
7 Services per week on Toronto-London-Mumbai-London-Toronto;
7 Services per week on Toronto-Delhi-Toronto

Air India:- 7 Services per week on Delhi-Vancouver-Delhi;
7 Services per week on Delhi-Toronto-Delhi

Operations as per Summer 2023:-

Air Canada:- 3 Services per week on Montreal-Delhi-Montreal;
7 Services per week on Toronto-Delhi-Toronto

Air India:- 7 Services per week on Delhi-Vancouver-Delhi;
7 Services per week on Delhi-Toronto-Delhi

Note: Airlines may vary their operations from time to time depending on passenger demand
