

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 9  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023)**

**OPEN SKY AGREEMENT**

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

- (a) the details of countries with which India has signed open sky agreements since 2018?  
and  
(b) key accomplishments or progress made in the civil aviation industry as a result of these agreements?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b) Since 2018, India has entered into Open Sky Agreements with four countries namely Australia, Maldives, Canada and New Zealand.

Open Sky Agreement enhances the air connectivity between two countries. They help the designated carriers of both the countries to mount unlimited operations subject to the availability of slots at respective airports. These agreements provided the opportunity to the Indian carriers as well as carriers of foreign countries to ramp up operation between India and the respective country to/from six Indian Metro Airports (Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru).

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