

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 52
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st July 2025)**

**EXPANSION OF FLIGHT CONNECTIVITY FROM KOLHAPUR
AIRPORT**

52. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK

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

- (a) the number of domestic routes currently operational from Kolhapur airport;
- (b) the plans to introduce new flight routes to major cities from Kolhapur and proposal received till date;
- (c) the efforts to increase frequency of flights; and
- (d) the steps taken to encourage airlines to expand services at Kolhapur?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Kolhapur airport presently has 64 weekly scheduled aircraft movements connecting to Bengaluru, Shamshabad, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Nagpur and Tirupati.

(b) to (d): With the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type and free to select whatever markets and networks they wish to serve and operate. Hence, it is up to the airline operators to consider the introduction or expansion of air services to/from any airport in the country, depending upon their operational and commercial viability.
