

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 32
ANSWERED ON – 29/01/2026

USE OF INDIAN AIRSPACE FOR FLIGHTS BETWEEN DHAKA AND PAKISTAN

32. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government is aware of recent reports and discussions regarding the proposed commencement of direct commercial flights between Dhaka and Pakistan in the near future;
- (b) whether any request, proposal or informal communication has been received from Bangladesh, Pakistan, or any airline seeking permission to use Indian airspace for such future direct flights;
- (c) if so, the present status of such requests and the considerations under examination by Government; and
- (d) whether national security, diplomatic sensitivities and past bilateral arrangements with Pakistan have been factored into any deliberations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) The Government of India has noted the proposed launch of direct flights on the Dhaka–Karachi sector by Biman Bangladesh. The overflight request was processed by the competent authorities of the Government of India as per procedure after due consideration of relevant factors in accordance with the provisions of the bilateral Air Services Agreement signed between the Government of India and Government of Bangladesh in 1978.
