

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 12

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2026

**EXPANSION OF AIR CONNECTIVITY FROM HALWARA
(LUDHIANA) AIRPORT**

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any roadmap for expansion of domestic and international flight operations from the newly operational Halwara (Ludhiana) airport;
- (b) the details of additional domestic sectors proposed to be operationalised from Halwara airport during the next two years;
- (c) whether Government has held consultations with scheduled airlines for commencing direct flights from Ludhiana to cities such as Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune and Ahmedabad; and
- (d) the timeline for commencement of such services, if any?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): As per the approved schedule, M/s Air India operates 28 domestic flights per week to/from Halwara Airport.

With the repeal of the Air Corporations Act in March 1994, Indian domestic aviation was deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type and to select the markets and networks they wish to serve. Hence, it is up to the airline operators to introduce air services to/from any airport in the country, depending on their operational and commercial viability.
