

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 32
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2026
HUB-AND-SPOKE MODEL AND EASY CONNECT SERVICE,
VARANASI

32. SMT DARSHANA SINGH

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

- (a) the key features of the 'Easy Connect' service launched from Varanasi;
- (b) the details of the facilities for passengers in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities under this model; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to implement this model in other cities as well, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Hub & Spoke operations on 25.06.2026, with Varanasi as the spoke and Delhi as the hub. Under this initiative, passengers travelling from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities can complete baggage check-in, customs and immigration formalities at the originating (spoke) airport, thereby facilitating a smoother transfer at the hub airport for onward international travel.

The Hub & Spoke model is intended to facilitate international connectivity in a phased approach. Expansion of the model to other international airports depends upon commercial viability, passenger demand and infrastructure availability.
