

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 40**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2026

**EASY CONNECT INITIATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
COUNTRY AS A GLOBAL AVIATION HUB**

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced the Easy Connect initiative, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the airports identified under the initiative and the timelines envisaged for expansion to major airports;
- (c) the details of measures proposed under the initiative, including single-point immigration, airside baggage transfers, dedicated transfer corridors and other facilitation measures to provide seamless transit experience to passengers; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to encourage Indian airports and airlines to emerge as preferred transit points for international passengers and enhance India's position as a global aviation hub?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (d): The Government 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 Indian 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. The Hub & Spoke initiative forms part of the International Aviation Hub Strategy aimed at developing global aviation hubs in India.

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