

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 226
(To be answered on the 1st December 2016)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

***226. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to improve air connectivity in the North-Eastern States, and if so, the details of existing airports and airlines operating in the region along with new airports proposed for the region;
- (b) the details of airports in the region with night landing facility;
- (c) whether the Imphal Airport is now an international airport and if so, the number of international flights operated from it; and
- (d) whether this international airport has night landing and take-off facility and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred (*) Question no. 226 for 01.12.2016 regarding "Air connectivity in North Eastern Region"

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport service of different regions of the country. As per these guidelines, the operators has to deploy on routes in category - II at least 10% of the capacity deploys on routes in category - I and of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category - II routes, at least 10% would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep and Cochin-Agatti-Cochin.

As per approved Winter Schedule (WS) - 2016, 508 scheduled flights /week have been approved to /from 11 airports in the North Eastern region. Airline wise connectivity to/from North-Eastern region is placed at Annexure-I.

Details of existing airports in North-Eastern Region is given at Annexure-2. Construction of a Greenfield airport at Pakyong, Sikkim has already commenced.

(b): The Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) approval for night operations is available for airports at Agartala, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Guwahati, Imphal, Lilabari in the North-Eastern Region.

(c): Imphal Airport is declared as an international airport vide Notification dated 14.11.2013. Necessary infrastructure is available for international flight operations. At present no scheduled international flight is operating from Imphal Airport. The details of international charter flights operated from Imphal are as under:

Year	No. of flights
2013	4
2014	8
2015	4
2016	2

(d): Night landing and take off facility is available at Imphal airport since May, 2010. Runway Threshold Lights, Runway End Lights, Runway Edge Lights, Taxiway Edge Lights, Runway Approach Lights, Landing 'T', Wind Direction Indicator, Aerodrome Beacon, Precision Approach Path Indicator and Mandatory and informative Signages are available.

OPERATIONS TO/FROM NORTH-EAST REGION (WINTER 2016)			
Airline	Routing	Frequency/Week	Airports Connected in NE
Air India	Kolkata-Dibrugarh-Kolkata	5	Agartala, Aizawl, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Guwahati, Imphal, Silchar
	Kolkata-Dimapur-Kolkata	6	
	Kolkata-Aizawl-Kolkata	6	
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	7	
	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	18	
	Kolkata-Silchar-Kolkata	7	
	Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal & VV	7	
	Kolkata-Imphal-Kolkata	5	
Alliance Air	Kolkata-Aizawl -Imphal-Kolkata	2	Guwahati, Lilabari, Shillong, Silchar, Tezpur
	Kolkata-Shillong-Kolkata	6	
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Lilabari & VV	4	
Jet Airways	Kolkata-Silchar-Tezpur & VV	3	Aizawl, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Imphal, Silchar
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	22	
	Kolkata-Imphal-Guwahati-Kolkata	7	
	Kolkata-Aizawl-Kolkata	8	
	Kolkata-Silchar-Guwahati & VV	7	
	Kolkata-Imphal -Kolkata	3	
JelLite	Kolkata-Silchar & VV	1	Aizawl, Guwahati, Jorhat,
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Dibrugarh & VV	7	
	Delhi-Guwahati-Delhi	7	
Indigo	Delhi-Guwahati-Aizawl & VV	7	Agartala, Dibrugarh, Dimpaur, Guwahati, Imphal
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Jorhat & VV	7	
	Kolkata-Agartala	14	
	Agartala-Kolkata	7	
	Delhi-Kolkata-Dibrugarh	7	
	Bangalore-Guwahati & VV	1	
	Mumbai-Kolkata-Guwahati & VV	7	
	Mumbai-Jaipur-Kolkata-Guwahati	7	
	Kolkata-Guwahati & VV	14	
	Chennai-Kolkata-Agartala	7	
	Delhi-Kolkata-Dimapur & VV	7	
	Delhi-Kolkata-Agartala & VV	7	
	Delhi-Guwahati & VV	7	
	Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal & VV	14	
	Dibrugarh-Kolkata-Delhi	7	
	Guwahati-Bangalore-Chennai & VV	6	
	Guwahati-Mumbai-Goa & VV	5	
	Guwahati-Mumbai-Raipur	2	
	Bangalore-Guwahati-Agartala	7	
	Pune-Kolkata-Imphal	12	
	Imphal-Kolkata-Bangalore	7	
	Imphal-Kolkata	7	
	Agartala-Kolkata-Chennai-Coimbatore	7	
Agartala-Kolkata-Vizag	7		
Agartala-Guwahati-Bangalore-Hyderabad	7		
Lucknow-Kolkata-Guwahati & VV	7		
Chennai-Bangalore-Guwahati	6		
Chennai-Kolkata-Guwahati & VV	7		
Chennai-Guwahati & VV	7		
Bangalore-Kolkata-Imphal	7		
Mumbai-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Kolkata	7		
Spicejet	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	21	Agartala, Guwahati, Aizawl, Silchar
	Delhi-Guwahati-Agartala & VV	7	
	Silchar-Guwahati & VV	7	
	Delhi-Guwahati & VV	2	
	Aizawl-Guwahati & VV	7	
Go Air	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	28	Guwahati
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	7	
Vistara	Guwahati-Delhi & VV	7	Guwahati
	Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	7	
	Kolkata-Guwahati & VV	7	
Air Asia	Delhi-Guwahati-Delhi	7	Guwahati, Imphal
	Bangalore-Guwahati-Bangalore	7	
	Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal-Guwahati-Delhi	7	
Total		508	

Total Airports Connected (11): Agartala, Aizawl, Dibrugarh, Dimpaur, Guwahati, Jorhat, Imphal, Lilabari, Shillong, Silchar and Tezpur

Details of Airports in NER

Airport	Runway Dimension (mxm)	Suitable for	Apron capacity	Terminal Building Capacity PHP
Agartala	2286X45	A320	3 A321+2 ATR72	600
Barapani	1829X45	ATR-42	2ATR72	150
Dibrugarh	1829X45	A-320 with load penalty	7ATR72	500
Dimapur	2290X45	A-320	1A320+1ATR72	500
Guwahati	3103X45	A-300	Old Apron 7 A321+2ATR72 New Apron 5A321+5ATR72+1B	850
Imphal	2746X45	A-321	4 A321 (only 3 can be used at a time)	500
Jorhat CE	3201X45	A-321	3 A321+2 ATR72	150
Lilabari	2286X45	A-320	2 A320	500
Silchar CE	2285X45	A-320	3 A320	150
Tezpur CE	2870X45	A-321	1A320+2ATR72	400