

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1766  
(To be answered on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2017)

Operation of Flights

1766. SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJAA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to start new flight services from New Delhi to Coimbatore;  
(b) if so, the details thereof;  
(c) whether any private airline has expressed willingness to start new flight service to Tamil Nadu State including Coimbatore; and  
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d): As per Winter Schedule 2017, M/s Indigo is operating 14 direct flights/week on Delhi-Coimbatore-Delhi route. With repeal of Air Corporation Act in March, 1994, the Indian domestic aviation was deregulated. Airlines free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate. In this regard, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better connectivity of air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance with Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.

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