

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3793
(To be answered on the 3rd January 2019)**

FLIGHT FROM PUNJAB TO DELHI

3793. SHRI SANTOSH SINGH CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is considering increasing the number of direct flights between Adampur (Punjab) and Delhi under UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is going to launch special flights between Adampur (Punjab) and Delhi on the occasion of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a) & (b): Presently, SpiceJet is operating seven frequencies per week on Delhi-Adampur route under UDAN scheme. Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN is market driven mechanism. Development of regional air connectivity routes is left to market forces such that airlines undertake assessment of demand and nature of supply required on particular routes and lead the process under RCS.
- (c) & (d): With the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian airline industry was deregulated. Airlines are 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 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 of Route Dispersal Guidelines.
