

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*5
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

HELI-TOURISM

***5. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any further steps, apart from feasibility studies, to introduce helicopter services for providing Heli-tourism in Madurai;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the time by which the Heli-tourism facility is likely to commence in Madurai?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) to (d): As per the UDAN-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik scheme of Ministry of Civil Aviation, helicopter services are permitted only in priority areas i.e. hill states and islands and therefore Madurai does not qualify for helicopter services under UDAN.
