

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2240
(To be answered on the 4th July 2019)**

'PORT OF CALL' FACILITY

2240. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of airports which have been accorded the status of 'Port of Call' facility in the country;**
- (b) whether there have been requests from many quarters to accord Port of Call status to Vijayawada airport and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the reasons behind delay in according the same, if any; and**
- (d) the time by which the said status is likely to be accorded?**

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a): The list of airports which have been granted as a point of call to the designated airlines of different foreign countries are at Annexure.

(b) to (d): Sir, Andhra Pradesh Government had requested for grant of 'Point of Call' status to Vijayawada Airport for UAE carriers-Emirates and Fly Dubai. The operation of foreign airlines to/from India is governed by provisions of the bilateral Air Services Agreement between the two countries. The designated carriers of UAE have upto 13 points of call in India. Presently interior points of call in India are not being granted(except for already designated points of call) as this may adversely affect operations of Indian carriers and harm development of hubs within the country. Grant of additional points of call depends upon the terms of reciprocity and balance of benefits. At present there is no quid pro quo is available for Indian carriers for granting additional points of call to the designated carriers of UAE.

DETAILS OF POINTS OF CALL GIVEN TO THE DESIGNATED CARRIERS OF DIFFERENT FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Metro Airports	18 tourist Destinations	Other Airports
Bangalore	Ahmedabad	Bagdogra
Chennai	Amritsar	Coimbatore
Delhi	Aurangabad	Dehradun
Hyderabad	Bhubaneswar	Gorakhpur
Kolkata	Calicut	Madurai
Mumbai	Gaya	Nagpur
	Goa	
	Guwahati	
	Jaipur	
	Khajuraho	
	Kochi	
	Lucknow	
	Patna	
	Port Blair	
	Tiruchirapalli	
	Trivandrum	
	Varanasi	
	Visakhapatnam	