

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 13  
(To be answered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023)**

**ROUTE DISPERSAL GUIDELINES**

**\*13. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government has laid down the Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) to achieve more connectivity as on date;**  
**(b) if so, the details thereof; and**  
**(c) the details of the airports which are connected according to the proposed RDGs?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)**

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**(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 13 REGARDING "ROUTE DISPERSAL GUIDELINES" TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023.**

**(a) to (c): With a view to achieve better connectivity of air transport services for different regions in the country, the Government of India has issued the revised Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) on 25.07.2017.**

**Routes have been classified into categories namely Category- I, II, II-A and III under RDG. The criteria for routes classified under Category- I, are, a flying distance of more than 700 km, average seat factor of more than 70% and annual traffic of 5 lakh passengers over two full schedules i.e. summer and winter schedule. There are twenty routes connecting cities directly under Category-I, as given in Annexure.**

**Routes connecting stations in North-Eastern Region, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep Islands are classified as Category-II. All scheduled operators are required to deploy at least 10% in Category-II routes of their deployed capacity on Category-I routes.**

**Routes within the North-Eastern Region, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep Islands and Cochin-Agatti-Cochin are classified as Category- IIA. All operator(s) are required to deploy at least 1% in Category-IIA routes of the capacity, deployed on Category- I routes.**

**Routes other than those mentioned in Category- I, II and II-A are classified as Category-III. All operator(s) are required to deploy at least 35% in Category-III routes of the capacity, deployed on Category-I routes.**

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