

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2546
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16th March 2023)
FLIGHTS FROM SURAT AIRPORT

2546. SHRI C.R. PATIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the flights operational from Surat Airport, flight/airline-wise during the last three years and current year;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that the number of flights from Surat airport to national and international destination have been reduced, and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has initiated steps to increase the number of flights from Surat airport; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR)
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(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation continues to interact with the airlines to promote air connectivity in the country. The details of airline-wise scheduled flights from Surat Airport during the last three years and current year is attached as Annexure - I.

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With the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market has been deregulated. Consequently, for commercial flight operations, airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and networks they wish to operate across the country. Thus, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and their commercial viability, in compliance with the extant guidelines in this regard.

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Annexure - I				
Aircraft movement during last three years at Surat				
Airlines	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (Upto January)
Air India	1344	783	1452	1222
Air India Express	399	0	93	192
Alliance Air	162	0	0	0
Go First	0	0	499	362
Indigo Airlines	5401	2693	4478	4727
Pawan Hans	4	6	0	0
Spicejet	6334	1760	2163	1435
Star Air	0	200	597	364

Note - In aircraft movements, landing and take-off of an aircraft are counted separately i.e. onelanding and take-off are counted as two movements.