

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 118
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th July 2023)
AIR CONNECTIVITY FROM BIJU PATNAIK
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

118. SHRI JUAL ORAM

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) the details of international destinations to which air connectivity has been made available from Biju Patnaik International Airport at Bhubaneswar;

(b) whether tourists from near International destinations have shown interest to visit Odisha for various reasons;

(c) if so, the additional flights proposed to be connected to those international destinations to facilitate such foreign tourists; and

(d) the current status of the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question 118 regarding "Air Connectivity from Biju Patnaik International Airport" to be answered on 27.07.2023.; ; (a) Biju Patnaik International Airport at Bhubaneswar is currently connected to Bangkok, Dubai and Singapore. (b) The Ministry of Civil Aviation does not maintain specific data in this regard. (c) and (d) International flight

operations are governed by bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and the respective countries. Bhubaneswar is included in the list of 18 tourist destinations where the Indian carriers and carriers of SAARC (except Afghanistan and Pakistan) and ASEAN countries (Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, Cambodia, Philippines and Laos) can operate unlimited frequencies subject to availability of slots at the airport. Moreover, in accordance with ASA, Indian designated carriers are free to mount operations to/from any international airport including Bhubaneswar to foreign destinations as per mutually agreed capacity limits. However, start of international flight from any point in India is purely a commercial decision of the airlines on the basis of economic viability of the route and other associated factors.