

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2336  
(To be answered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023)**

**RESTORATION OF AIR SERVICE**

**2336. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

**(a) whether the Government proposes to restore services of Delhi-Bathinda Alliance Air flight in the near future and if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether the Government is aware about the fact that these flights were discontinued due to Covid and post Covid most of flights have been restored pending Delhi-Bathinda flight and if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the Government is aware about the fact that Delhi-Bathinda flight was commercially viable and carrying appreciable passenger load and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

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**(a) to (d) Alliance Air commenced flights on Delhi-Bathinda-Delhi sector from 11th December 2016 on tri weekly basis. These flights were operated under Viability Gap Funding (VGF) provided by State Government of Punjab. Later, the route Delhi-Bathinda-Delhi was awarded under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) for operation of UDAN Flights. The Airline had operated on the said sector under UDAN from 11th December 2017 till 24th March 2020. However, the route did not prove commercially viable, so Alliance Air did not resume the Delhi-Bathinda-Delhi flights.**

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