

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 163  
(To be answered on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023)**

**FLIGHTS FROM SRINAGAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**\*163. SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government is cognizant of the fact that international flights are not operational from Srinagar International Airport even after being recognised as an international airport and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to start international flights from Srinagar International Airport including Srinagar- Dubai and Srinagar- Jeddah routes for the ease of Haj Pilgrims;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) whether the Government has set any timeline for restoring the flights from Srinagar to Dubai and Jeddah, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)**

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

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**Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 163 regarding "Flights from Srinagar International Airport" to be answered on 14.12.2023**

**(a) to (d): Earlier, Go First used to operate international services on the Srinagar-Sharjah sector, which were later discontinued by the airline in 2022. Indian designated carriers are free to mount scheduled operations to/from any international airport including Srinagar International Airport to foreign destinations under the ambit of bilateral Air Service Agreements concluded by India with foreign countries. However, start of international flights from any point in India is purely a commercial decision of scheduled airlines on the basis of economic viability of the route and other associated factors. For Haj operations, air charters are arranged from different embarkation points in India including Srinagar.**

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