

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1849  
(To be answered on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023)**

**PROPOSALS FOR AIRPORT SWAPPING**

**1849. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals from foreign airline companies to relocate their operations from any airport in India to GMR Goa International Airport at Mopa in North Goa and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the names of airlines that have applied for airport swapping and granted permission;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from airline companies for the relocation of services to Kannur International Airport since 2019, including Etihad Airlines and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has granted permission in the case of KIAL, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to approve proposals of foreign airline companies that would swap their point of call to Kannur International Airport; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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(a): The international operations of airlines are governed by the bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and the respective country. Any foreign airline can operate to/from a point in India if it is designated as a point of call in the ASA. In the ASAs signed with respective foreign countries, Goa has been mentioned as the point of call. As such, designated carriers of both Indian and respective foreign country are free to mount international operations to/from any international airport in Goa, including Manohar International Airport (MOPA).

(b): Does not arise.

**(c) & (d): Kannur is not available as a point of call for designated carriers of any foreign country. As such, any foreign airline including Etihad Airlines, the designated carrier of UAE-Abu Dhabi, is not permitted to operate scheduled passenger flights from Kannur.**

**(e) & (f): Does not arise, as Kannur has not been granted specifically as a point of call for designated carriers of any foreign country.**

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