

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 147
(To be answered on the 11th February 2021)**

BATHINDA-DELHI-BATHINDA FLIGHTS

***147. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

तागर विमानतल मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether domestic flights have started operating to almost 80% destinations after the COVID-19 lockdown and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the time by which the Government proposes to give permission for operation of Bathinda-Delhi-Bathinda flights; and
(c) whether Air India has been allowed to begin operations to Bathinda and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

तागर विमानतल मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र पक्ष)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 147 regarding "Bathinda-Delhi-Bathinda Flights" to be answered on 11.02.2021.

(a) Yes, Sir. Prior to COVID-19 lockdown, scheduled flights were operating at 105 airports and at present scheduled flights are operating at 99 airports i.e. at 94% of the destinations vis-a-vis pre-COVID operations. The list of airports where scheduled flights operated during pre-COVID and where scheduled flights are being operated at present, is at Annexure.

(b) Pre-COVID, Alliance Air (subsidiary of Air India) was operating three flights per week on Bathinda-Delhi-Bathinda sector under RCS-UDAN Scheme. Post resumption of scheduled domestic flight operations in a calibrated manner with effect from 25.05.2020, Bathinda airport is available for flight operations. However, at present no scheduled airline is operating on Bathinda-Delhi-Bathinda route.

(c) At present, Alliance Air is unable to operate flights on Bathinda-Delhi-Bathinda route as 3 years VGF support under RCS-UDAN was applicable only upto April, 2020 and the route is no more commercially viable due to limited passenger and low yields on this route in absence of subsidy support.

In reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Q.No. 147 to be answered on 11.02.2021 regarding "Bathinda-Delhi-Bathinda Flights"

List of airports having schedule flight operations pre-covid and having schedule flight operations currently

S. No.	AIRPORT	Operational		S. No.	AIRPORT	Operational	
		Pre-COVID	Currently			Pre-COVID	Currently
1	Adampur	Yes	Yes	41	Hyderabad	Yes	Yes
2	Agartala	Yes	Yes	42	Imphal	Yes	Yes
3	Agatti	Yes	No	43	Indore	Yes	Yes
4	Agra	Yes	Yes	44	Jabalpur	Yes	Yes
5	Ahmedabad	Yes	Yes	45	Jagdaipur*	No	Yes
6	Aizwal	Yes	Yes	46	Jaipur	Yes	Yes
7	Allahabad	Yes	Yes	47	Jaisalmer	Yes	Yes
8	Amritsar	Yes	Yes	48	Jalgaon	Yes	Yes
9	Aurangabad	Yes	Yes	49	Jammu	Yes	Yes
10	Bagdogra	Yes	Yes	50	Jamnagar	Yes	Yes
11	Bangalore	Yes	Yes	51	Jharsuguda	Yes	Yes
12	Bathinda	Yes	No	52	Jodhpur	Yes	Yes
13	Belgaum	Yes	Yes	53	Jorhat	Yes	Yes
14	Bhavnagar	Yes	Yes	54	Kalaburgi (Gulbarga)	Yes	Yes
15	Bhopal	Yes	Yes	55	Kandla	Yes	Yes
16	Bhubaneshwar	Yes	Yes	56	Kannur	Yes	Yes
17	Bhuj	Yes	Yes	57	Kanpur (Chakeri)	Yes	Yes
18	Bidar	Yes	Yes	58	Khajuraho	Yes	No
19	Bikaner	Yes	Yes	59	Kishangarh	Yes	Yes
20	Calicut	Yes	Yes	60	Kolhapur	Yes	Yes
21	Chandigarh	Yes	Yes	61	Kolkata	Yes	Yes
22	Chennai	Yes	Yes	62	Kullu	Yes	Yes
23	Cochin	Yes	Yes	63	Leh	Yes	Yes
24	Coimbatore	Yes	Yes	64	Lilabari	Yes	Yes
25	Cuddapah	Yes	Yes	65	Lucknow	Yes	Yes
26	Darbhanga**	No	Yes	66	Ludhiana	Yes	Yes
27	Dehradun	Yes	Yes	67	Madurai	Yes	Yes
28	Delhi	Yes	Yes	68	Mangalore	Yes	Yes
29	Dharamshala (Gaggal, Kangra)	Yes	Yes	69	Mumbai	Yes	Yes
30	Dibrugarh	Yes	Yes	70	Mundra	Yes	No
31	Dimapur	Yes	Yes	71	Mysore	Yes	Yes
32	Diu	Yes	Yes	72	Nagpur	Yes	Yes
33	Durgapur	Yes	Yes	73	Nanded	Yes	Yes
34	Gaya	Yes	Yes	74	Nashik	Yes	Yes
35	Goa	Yes	Yes	75	Pakyong	Yes	Yes
36	Gorakhpur	Yes	Yes	76	Pantnagar	Yes	Yes
37	Guwahati	Yes	Yes	77	Passighat	Yes	Yes
38	Gwalior	Yes	Yes	78	Pathankot	Yes	Yes
39	Hindon	Yes	Yes	79	Patna	Yes	Yes
40	Hubli	Yes	Yes	80	Pithoragarh	Yes	No

81	Porbandar	Yes	Yes	95	Surat	Yes	Yes
82	Portblair	Yes	Yes	96	Tezpur	Yes	Yes
83	Puducherry	Yes	No	97	Thoise	Yes	No
84	Pune	Yes	Yes	98	Tiruchirapalli	Yes	Yes
85	Raipur	Yes	Yes	99	Tirupathi	Yes	Yes
86	Rajahmundry	Yes	Yes	100	Trivandrum	Yes	Yes
87	Rajkot	Yes	Yes	101	Tuticorin	Yes	Yes
88	Ranchi	Yes	Yes	102	Udaipur	Yes	Yes
89	Salem	Yes	Yes	103	Vadodara	Yes	Yes
90	Shillong	Yes	Yes	104	Varanasi	Yes	Yes
91	Shimla	Yes	No	105	Vidyanagar	Yes	Yes
92	Shirdi	Yes	Yes	106	Vijaywada	Yes	Yes
93	Silchar	Yes	Yes	107	Vizag	Yes	Yes
94	Srinagar	Yes	Yes				

* Operationalised on 21.09.2020

** Operationalised on 08.11.2020