

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1787
(To be answered on the 11th February 2021)**

DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM OVERSEAS

1787. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is considering to introduce more direct flights from overseas to all the States across the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Air India has been asked to chalk out schedule of flights to/from the States; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (d): Due to COVID-19 pandemic, there are restrictions on international flight operations to/from India. However, India has formalized Air Bubble arrangements with 24 countries as on 20.01.2021. These Air Bubble arrangements provide access directly or through transit facility to more than 100 countries. Under the ambit of these Air Bubble arrangements, all designated airlines including Air India are free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate. It is, therefore, upon the airlines to provide air services to specific places with whichever type of aircraft they decide, depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.
