

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3767  
(To be answered on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021)**

**AGREEMENTS TO FACILITATE**

**3767. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY  
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA  
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government has entered into agreement with any agency to make air travel easier and if so, the details thereof including need for such agreement;**
- (b) whether the Government has renegotiated the general air service agreements with other countries and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the number of flights/operations which have been operationalised under the special or renegotiated air service agreements along with 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)**

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**(a) Due to COVID-19 pandemic, there are restrictions on operation of scheduled commercial passenger flights to/from India. However, India has formalized air bubble arrangements with 27 countries as on 01.03.2021. These air bubble arrangements provide access directly or through transit facility to more than 100 countries. The names of countries with which air bubble arrangements have been formalized are at Annexure.**

**(b) The air bubble arrangements are temporary arrangements and do not involve renegotiation of existing air service arrangements with other countries.**

**(c) As per information provided by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), till 28.02.2021, a total of around 19,000 inbound flights (inclusive of air bubble flights) have brought passengers to India. Out of this total, more than 9,000 flights have been operated by Air India Group while the remaining have been operated by private Indian carriers and foreign carriers.**

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**List of Countries with which India has formalised Air Bubbles:**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Country</b>
1	Afghanistan
2	Bahrain
3	Bangladesh
4	Bhutan
5	Canada
6	Ethiopia
7	France
8	Germany
9	Iraq
10	Japan
11	Kenya
12	Kuwait
13	Maldives
14	Nepal
15	Netherlands
16	Nigeria
17	Oman
18	Qatar
19	Russia
20	Rwanda
21	Seychelles
22	Tanzania
23	Ukraine
24	United Kingdom
25	UAE
26	USA
27	Uzbekistan