FLIGHT CONNECTIVITY FROM RAJA BHOG AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start a new flight connectivity from Raja Bhoj airport; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): After repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market has been deregulated. Consequently, airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate across the country. Thus, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and their commercial viability, in compliance with the relevant guidelines in this matter. However, Ministry regularly interacts with the stakeholders, including airlines, from time to time with an aim to promote air connectivity. Raja Bhoj airport, Bhopal, being a served airport, can be connected to other unserved or underserved airports under Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) Scheme. Bhopal-Bilaspur-Bhopal route has been awarded to Selected Airline Operator by Implementing Agency under the Scheme.

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