

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2980
(To be answered on the 5th August 2021)**

POINT OF CALL STATUS TO SGRDJI AIRPORT

2980. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government is aware that Shri Guru Ram Das Ji (SGRDJi) International Airport Amritsar was strategically developed to help decongest and serve as secondary airport and alternative to Delhi airport and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has achieved its purpose;

(c) whether SGRDJI Airport, Amritsar has not been granted as Point of Call (POC) for countries served by European and Middle Eastern carriers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Indian Carriers have developed their direct connectivity with European carriers from Amritsar despite it not being granted POC status and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Indian carriers are being added under bilateral air service agreements between India and Middle Eastern and European countries, 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

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (d) Amritsar is located approximately 450 kms from Delhi. It is available as a point of call to foreign carriers of more than 25 countries. Start of direct international flights from Amritsar avoids requirement of people to travel to Delhi airport. Prior to Covid-19 pandemic, Indian carriers were operating direct flights from Amritsar to UK and UAE-Dubai while foreign

carriers were operating direct flights to Doha, Tashkent, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

(e) Under the ambit of the bilateral air services agreements concluded by India with foreign countries, Indian designated carriers are free to mount scheduled operations to/from any international airport including Shri Guru Ram Das Ji (SGRDJi) International Airport, Amritsar to foreign destinations.
