

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1959  
(To be answered on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021)**

**INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT FROM BIJU PATNAIK INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT**

**1959.      SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**  
**तागर विमानत मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

**(a) whether the Government proposes to provide direct international flight from Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar to Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Singapore and other South-East Asian countries; and**

**(b) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**तागर विमानत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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**(a) and (b) Bhubaneswar is already included in the list of 18 destinations from where the Indian carriers and carriers of 5 SAARC countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka) and 10 ASEAN countries (Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, Cambodia, Philippines and Laos) can operate unlimited frequencies subject to availability of slots at the airport.**

**The Government provides an enabling environment for growth of civil aviation sector but does not interfere in the operational plans of the airlines. Airlines are free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate within the ambit of bilateral agreements. The airlines provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.**

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