

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

Lok Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2466

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th March 2025)

STATUS OF PRAYAGRAJ AIRPORT

2466. SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to give international airport status to Prayagraj Airport and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of flights from different countries landed and taken off during the Maha Kumbh at the said Airport;**
- (c) the number of pilgrims travelled to Prayagraj airport through domestic flights; and**
- (d) whether the Government has any further plan to connect Prayagraj airport with more cities through direct domestic flights and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

(a): Prayagraj Airport is a domestic airport. Declaration of an airport as an International Airport depends upon traffic potential, demand from airlines for the operation of international flights and bilateral Air Services Agreement besides provision of Ground Lighting facilities, Instrument Landing System, runway length, Immigration, Health and Animal & Plant Quarantine services etc. Currently, no such proposal for declaration of Prayagraj Airport

as an International Airport is under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(b): The no. of flights from different countries, operated from Prayagraj Airport during Maha Kumbh is given at Annexure-A.

(c): The total passengers handled by scheduled airlines at Prayagraj airport during Maha Kumbh (13th January 2025 to 26th February 2025) is 5.43 lakh.;

(d): The present flight connectivity of Prayagraj airport is given at Annexure-B. Further, with the repeal of Air Corporations Act in March, 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. It is therefore up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance with the extant guidelines in this regard. Airlines plan their domestic flight schedule on a specific route/city based on market demand, commercial feasibility, and their company policy on which Government has no control.

Annexure-A

The no. of flights from different countries, operated from Prayagraj Airport during Mahakumbh, are as under:

Arrival aircraft movement (Landing)	Departure aircraft movement (Take off)	Sector, Country
1	2	Paro, Bhutan
2	1	Dubai, UAE
1	0	Rome, Italy
1	1	Bangkok, Thailand

Annexure-B

The present flight connectivity of Prayagraj airport is given as under:

Airlines operating	Airports connected	Weekly schedule aircraft movements (Arr. + Dep.)
Indigo, Alliance Air, Akasa	Bhubaneswar, Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, Shamshabad, Raipur, Bilaspur	88