

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3356  
(To be answered on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025)**

**DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM KOLKATA TO JEDDAH**

**3356. MR PATHAN YUSUF**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct flight from Kolkata to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that a huge number of people travel from Kolkata to Jeddah for pilgrimage and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start a direct flight from Kolkata to Jeddah; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be started and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

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**(a) to (d) At present, there are no direct flight operations between Kolkata and Jeddah (Saudi Arabia).**

**The international operations of airlines are governed by the bilateral Air Services Agreement(ASA) between India and the respective country. In accordance with the ASA, Indian designated carriers are free to mount operations to/from any point including Kolkata to foreign destinations as per mutually agreed capacity limits, while any designated foreign airline can operate to/from a point in India if it is designated as a point of call in the ASA. The start of direct international flights from any point in India is purely a commercial decision of scheduled airlines on the basis of passenger demand, availability of slots, economic viability of the route and other associated factors.**

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