

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3366  
(To be answered on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025)**

**POINT OF CALL STATUS TO AIRPORTS**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the criteria set for designating an airport as a Point of Call (PoC) for international airlines under the Bilateral Air Services Agreements (BASA);**
- (b) the details of all airports currently designated as PoCs under the Bilateral Offer List for foreign airlines in the country;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh, serves a large population of Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh, facilitating international travel for both work and tourism and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the reasons for not designating the said airport as a PoC despite its strategic importance;**
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal to include the Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh, as a PoC; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be designated as PoC?**

**ANSWER**

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

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**(a) & (b): Grant of point of call (PoC) to the designated carriers of foreign countries is a continuous process and is done through bilateral agreements on air services signed between India and foreign countries from time to time. The grant of PoC to the designated carriers of foreign countries depends on factors which include benefits to the Indian aviation sector, presence of Indian**

**diaspora in that country, plans of Indian carriers, elements of reciprocity, balance of benefits and other relevant factors between two countries. In the Air Services Agreements, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bagdogra, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Calicut, Chennai, Cochin, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Delhi, Gaya, Goa, Gorakhpur, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Khajuraho, Kolkata, Lucknow, Madurai, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Port Blair, Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli, Varanasi, and Vishakhapatnam have been specified as point of calls.**

**(c) No specific study has been conducted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in this regard. However, every airport including Chandigarh airport caters to the population of nearby regions.**

**(d) to (f): Representations have been received for designation of Chandigarh as a PoC. However, at present, the Government of India promotes more international operations by Indian carriers from non-metro points either directly or through their own domestic operations. Accordingly, new non-metro points including Chandigarh are not being granted as PoC in the ASA to any foreign carrier.**

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