

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 606
(To be answered on the 6th February 2025)**

CONNECTIVITY AT CHANDIGARH AIRPORT

606. SHRI VARUN CHAUDHRY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration to increase the domestic and international connectivity at Chandigarh Airport and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the reasons for not utilising the old terminal building which is lying vacant/unused after renovation?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): With the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, Indian domestic aviation has been fully deregulated. Airlines are free to induct any aircraft type and to select markets and routes. The decision to introduce air services to/from any airport is taken by the airlines depending upon their operational and commercial viability and policy of the airlines.

The international operations of airlines are governed by the bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and the respective country. In accordance with ASA, Indian designated carriers are free to mount operations to/from any international airport 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 commencement 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.

(b): With the commencement of operations at the new terminal at Chandigarh Airport, the old terminal building has been repurposed for various uses like housing of Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance (CNS) facilities,

Electrical, Civil, Finance, Human Resources, and other administrative works of AAI. Additionally, the Multi Aviation Training Institute, run by M/s. NSDC, operated from the old terminal during February 2018 to December 2022.
