

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4723
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st August 2025)

POINT OF CALL STATUS TO TIRUCHIRAPPALLI AIRPORT

4723. SHRI DURAI VAIKO

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to include Tiruchirappalli International Airport as a Point of Call (PoC) in the Bilateral Air Services Agreements (BASAs) with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that Tiruchirappalli serves as a major international departure point for workers and residents from central and southern Tamil Nadu travelling to the Gulf region and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of BASAs currently in effect with GCC nations and the Indian airports designated as Points of Call under each agreement;

(d) whether the Government proposes to revise existing BASAs or negotiate new ones with Tiruchirappalli designated as a PoC to improve direct connectivity and reduce dependency on other metro airports and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the timeline fixed and process for ensuring Tiruchirappalli's inclusion as a PoC in future bilateral aviation negotiations?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry to include Tiruchirappalli as a Point of call (PoC) in the Bilateral Air Services Agreements (BASAs) with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.;

Currently, Air India is operating flights from Tiruchirappalli to countries in GCC namely Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE (Abu Dhabi, Sharjah and Dubai).;

India has BASAs with all the GCC countries. The details of the point of calls designated under these agreements is at Annexure. ;

At present, the Government of India promotes more international operations by Indian carriers from non-metro points, including Tiruchirappalli, either directly or through their own domestic operations. Accordingly, non-metro points are not granted as new points of call in the BASAs to any foreign country.

Annexure

S No.	Country	Designated Points of Call for foreign carriers
1	Bahrain	Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Trivandrum, Cochin, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Calicut, Goa
2	Kuwait	Mumbai, Delhi, Trivandrum, Chennai, Cochin, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Bangalore
3	Oman	Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Cochin, Trivandrum, Lucknow, Jaipur, Bangalore, Calicut, Goa
4	Qatar	Mumbai, Kolkata, Trivandrum, Hyderabad, Cochin, Delhi, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Calicut, Goa, Amritsar, Bangalore
5	Saudi Arabia	Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Cochin, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Calicut, Lucknow
6 (i)	UAE -Abu Dhabi	Mumbai, Delhi, Trivandrum, Cochin, Chennai, Calicut, Jaipur, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Ahmedabad
6 (ii)	UAE -Dubai	Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Cochin, Hyderabad, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Calicut, Lucknow
6 (iii)	UAE -Ras-al-Khaimah	Any 1 point out of Cochin, Trivandrum, Calicut
6 (iv)	UAE -Sharjah	Mumbai, Nagpur, Cochin, Jaipur, Trivandrum, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Coimbatore, Delhi, Calicut, Hyderabad, Goa
