

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 795**  
(To be answered on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025)

**FLIGHTS FROM KOLKATA AIRPORT**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION **नागर विमानन मंत्री** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are no direct flights from Kolkata to Europe and the United States of America (USA) and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details and the number of direct flights commenced from all metropolitan cities to Europe and the USA, airline-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to incentivise Kolkata to Europe and the USA routes to enhance connectivity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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(a) to (d) At present, there are no direct flights operations from Kolkata to Europe and the United States of America (USA).

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 with that country. 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. The Government has provided an enabling environment for the growth of the civil aviation sector and it does not interfere in the operational plans of the airlines.

The airline-wise details of direct flights operating from metropolitan cities in India to Europe and the USA are at Annexure.

## Annexure

Operations by Indian and Foreign Carriers to/from the metropolitan cities\* to/from USA and Europe (including UK):

S. no	Name of the Airlines	Services/week
1.	Air India	145
2.	Indigo	50
3.	Air France	27
4.	American Airlines	7
5.	United Airlines	7
6.	Belavia	1
7.	British Airways	56
8.	Virgin Atlantic Airways	35
9.	Finnair	7
10.	ITA Airways	7
11.	KLM Airlines	27
12.	Lufthansa	52
13.	Polskie Linie Lotnicze LOT S.A	7
14.	Swiss International Airlines	14
15.	Turkish Airlines	14

\* Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Bengaluru