

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1079

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026)

CONNECTIVITY OF KOLKATA AIRPORT TO EUROPE AND USA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no direct flights from Kolkata to Europe or the United States of America (USA) and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of direct flights from all metropolitan cities to Europe or the USA, airline-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to incentivise Kolkata to Europe and the USA routes to enhance air connectivity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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

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 does not interfere in the operational plans of the airlines.

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	156
2.	Indigo	46
3.	Air France	27
4.	American Airlines	7
5.	United Airlines	7
6.	Belavia	1
7.	British Airways	56
8.	Virgin Atlantic Airways	39
9.	Finnair	7
10.	ITA Airways	7
11.	KLM Airlines	28
12.	Lufthansa	54
13.	Polskie Linie Lotnicze LOT S.A	7
14.	Swiss International Airlines	14
15.	Turkish Airlines	14
16.	Air Canada	4

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