

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1080

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026)

FLIGHTS FROM KOLKATA TO JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) the details and the number of direct flights operating from the airports of the country to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, airport and airline wise including the weekly frequency of these flights;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the hardships faced by passengers in the absence of direct flight connectivity between Kolkata and Jeddah and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government plans to incentivise airlines to operate direct flights between Kolkata and Jeddah and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The details of direct flights operating from airports in India to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia is at Annexure.

(b) & (c) 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. 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.;

**DETAILS OF DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM AIRPORTS IN INDIA
TO JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA**

S. No .	Airports in India	Airlines (Frequency/week)				Total
		Air Indi a	Akasa Air	Indigo	Saudi Arabian Airlines	
1.	Mumbai	10	14	14	09	47
2.	Delhi	07	-	07	09	23
3.	Bengaluru	03	02	07	04	16
4.	Hyderabad	03	-	07	06	16
5.	Cochin	-	07	-	10	17
6.	Calicut	06	-	07	-	13
7.	Ahmedabad	-	03	07	-	10
8.	Lucknow	-	-	-	07	07
9.	Mangalore	03	-	-	-	03
Total		32	26	49	45	152