

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1112
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026)

HELICOPTER SERVICES AT PACHMARHI AND MADHAI

1112. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that helicopter services have been discontinued at Pachmarhi and Madhai, the major tourist destinations of Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to restart helicopter services at Pachmarhi and Madhai with a view to promoting tourism, facilitating connectivity and strengthening emergency services;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan prepared in this regard and the expected timeline fixed for commencement of the said services;
- (d) whether any coordination meeting has been held or any proposal has been examined in consultation with the State Government or the Tourism Department in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether there is any proposal to reconsider the said plan in future and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): Helicopter services at Pachmarhi and Madhai in the state of Madhya Pradesh are being implemented by the Tourism Department of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. The State Government has informed that helicopter services to Pachmarhi and Madhai have been discontinued because the existing helipads at these locations fall within the Eco Sensitive Zone of the concerned Tiger Reserve and as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 17.11.2025, Tiger Reserves and their Eco-Sensitive Zones have been declared as Silence Zones, with restrictions on low-altitude flying and high-noise activities. The resumption of helicopter services is proposed to be restarted after the development of an alternate helipad outside the Eco Sensitive Zones and after obtaining all statutory and environmental clearances.
