

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 6343**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd April 2026 )

**FLIGHTS FOR INDIANS STRANDED IN WEST ASIAN COUNTRIES**

6343. SHRI CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of residents of Punjab have been stranded in several West Asian countries since February 2026 due to the cancellation of international flights amid the ongoing regional conflict;

(b) if so, the number of Indian nationals, particularly from Punjab, reported stranded in the Gulf region as on date;

(c) whether the Government proposes to direct Indian carriers to operate additional special flights from Amritsar and Chandigarh airports to facilitate the return of such stranded passengers; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed schedule of such flights and the number of passengers expected to be accommodated during March 2026?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): From the start of the ongoing regional conflict, a total of 2,768 scheduled flights have been operated by Indian as well as foreign carriers from West Asian countries, carrying 5,59,952 passengers to various airports in India till 29.03.2026. Airlines are continuing to augment services in line with demand and operational feasibility and no proposal for operating additional special flights is presently under consideration.

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