GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 1349 (To be answered on the 3rd March 2016)

AIR CONNECTIVITY TO NORTH EASTERN REGION

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether there is no air connectivity among the cities of the North-Eastern States in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to start commercial chopper services between the cities of the North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has also consulted the private chopper companies in this regard and if so, the details along with the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost air connectivity between various States of the country?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्रातय में राज्य मंत्री

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): As per approved winter schedule 2015, Scheduled flights from the following cities of the North-Eastern States (NES) are being operated by Scheduled domestic airlines:

Assam - Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Jorhat, Lilabari, Silchar, Tezpur

Assam - Dibrugarl
Manipur - Imphal
Meghalaya - Shillong
Mezoram - Aizwal
Nagaland - Dimapur
Tripura - Agartala

(b) to (d): Various State Governments of NES have taken helicopter on lease from Pawan Hans Ltd. for providing Helicopter Services in the NE Region for connecting places in the States. The details of services operated by Pawan Hans Limited in various sectors under these lease arrangements are at Annexure-I. The respective State Governments are running Helicopter Services for Passengers, under subsidy support from Government of

India.

(e): Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. As such airlines are free to operate anywhere, depending upon their commercial viability, within the domestic routes subject to compliance of RDG issued by the Government.

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State	Base	Sectors Connected/ Utilization
		Gangtok-Bagdogra – Gangtok
Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok – joy ride
× .		Agartala - Gandachar
Tripura	Agartala	Gandachar - Kanchanpur
		Kanchanpur - Agartala
		Agartala - Kailashahar
		Kailashahar – Dharmanagar
		Dharamanager – Agartala
Aunachal	Itanagar	Itanagar - Guwahati
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State Government		
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the State of Arunachal		
Pradesh)		
Mizoram	Aizawl	Aizwal - Lunglai
	9	Lunglai - Saiha
2		Saha – Aizwal
		Aizwal – Kamalanagar
		Aizwal – Khawzawl
	-	Khawzawl - Champai
,		Aizwal – Hanhthial
		Aizwal – Kolasib
Meghalaya	Shillong	Guwahati - Shillong
		Guwahati – Tura
Nagaland	Dimapur	Mokokchung, Tuensang, Zunheboto,
		Wokha, Kiphire, Phek

In addition, Pawan Hans has provided one Helicopter to Ministry of Home Affairs which is being utilized for providing Connectivity in NE Region, Ex-Guwahati.