

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 865
(To be answered on the 28th April 2016)

OPERATIONS OF PRIVATE AIRLINES

865. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to persuade the private airlines to operate on loss making regional routes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy as part of the regional connectivity plan, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government for boosting regional air connectivity in the country?

ANSWER

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(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (d) Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services of different regions of the country.

The guideline specifies that all scheduled operators are required to deploy in the North Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand (Category II routes) at least 10% of their deployed capacity on trunk routes (Category-I routes). Further, at least 10% of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category-II routes, is required to be deployed for connectivity exclusively within these regions.

50% of the capacity deployed on Category-I routes is to be deployed on routes other than Category-I and category-II routes i.e. Category-III routes.

The regional connectivity is being accorded high priority by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and accordingly the Draft National Civil Aviation Policy inter alia proposes for Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS).
