

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1908
(To be answered on the 28th July 2016)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY TO TOURIST PLACES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of such world class tourist places in the country which are not connected by Air;
- (b) the number of such airports which are important for tourism indicating the list thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the names of such tourist places where air facilities were available earlier and now these Air services have been suspended;
- (d) the date from which such services have been suspended;
- (e) whether there is a proposal to start again such services; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (f): As per Summer Schedule (SS)-2016, scheduled domestic flights are available to/from 77 airports of the country, which includes tourist places of different States and Union Territories of the country. State wise air connectivity as per SS - 2016 is at Annexure I.

With repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian aviation was deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate. In this regard Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) with a view to achieve better connectivity of air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of RDGs issued by Government.

State Wise Air Connectivity – Summer Schedule 2016

Sl. No.	State	Names of Cities Air linked	No of Airports
States			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rajamundry, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Vizag, Cuddapah	5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	
3.	Assam	Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Jorhat, Lilabari, Silchar, Tezpur	6
4.	Bihar	Gaya, Patna	2
5.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	1
6.	Delhi	Delhi	1
7.	Goa	Goa	1
8.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Surat, Vadodara	6
9.	Haryana	-	
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Dharamshala, Kullu	2
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu, Leh, Srinagar, Thoise	4
12.	Jharkhand	Ranchi	1
13.	Karnataka	Bangalore, Belgaum, Mangalore, Hubli	4
14.	Kerala	Calicut, Cochin, Trivandrum	3
15.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur, Khajuraho	5
16.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune	4
17.	Manipur	Imphal	1
18.	Meghalaya	Shillong	1
19.	Mizoram	Aizwal	1
20.	Nagaland	Dimapur	1
21.	Orissa	Bhubaneswar	1
22.	Punjab	Amritsar	1
23.	Rajasthan	Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur	3
24.	Sikkim	-	
25.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Trichy, Tuticorin	5
26.	Telangana	Hyderabad	1
27.	Tripura	Agartala	1
28.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra, Allahabad, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Varanasi	5
29.	Uttaranchal	Dehradun, Pant Nagar	2
30.	West Bengal	Bagdogra, Kolkata, Durgapur	3
Union Territories			
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Port Blair, Car Nicobar	2
2.	Lakshadweep Islands	Agatti	1
3.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	1
4.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	
5.	Daman & Diu	Diu	1
6.	Pondicherry	Pondicherry	1
Number of cities connected by Scheduled domestic carriers			77