

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1964
(To be answered on the 28th July 2016)**

AIR INDIA OPERATIONS

1964. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Air India proposes to expand its regional reach to connect new cities;**
- (b) if so, the details of new air connectivity started by Air India during the last three years and the current year, year wise;**
- (c) the proposals from the State Governments received by the National carrier therein; and**
- (d) the details of present status of new airports started during the last three years and the forthcoming plan proposals of Government therefor?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The details of new connectivity started by Air India during the last three years and current year is at Annexure-I.

(c): The details of proposals received from the State Governments is at Annexure-II.

(d): During the last three years, Durgapur Airport, West Bengal has been operationalized. The construction of new airport at Pakyong in Sikkim has also progressed to a considerable extent for being operationalized by September 2017. Request for Proposal for two major airport projects in the country, one at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra and another at Mopa, Goa have been issued.

Government of India grants site clearance followed by 'in principle approval' and acts as facilitator/coordinator with various Departments to ensure that project is not delayed. In last three years, in principle approval has been given for construction of green field airports at Dholera, Gujarat, and site clearances given for constructing green field airports at Dagaderthi in Nellore Distt., Bhogapuram near Visakhapatnam, Oravakallu in Kurnool Distt. all in the state of Andhra Pradesh and Kotkasim Tehsil in Alwar Distt., Rajasthan.

Year	New Air Connectivity
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily non-stop services on Delhi-Indore and vv route_ with effect Summer Schedule 2013. • Daily non-stop services on Mumbai-Bhopal and vv route_ with effect Summer Schedule 2013 • New city pair link between Goa-Srinagar & Mumbai-Srinagar_ with effect Summer Schedule 2013 • Bangalore/Kochi/Bangalore w.e.f. 01st May 2013 – 3 times per week (ATR42) • Dehradun/Lucknow/Dehradun w.e.f. 02nd May 2013 – 4 times per week (CRJ) • Delhi/Kullu/Delhi w.e.f. 15th May 2013 – 6 times per week (ATR42) • Delhi/Dharamshala/Delhi w.e.f. 15th May 2013 – Daily (ATR42) • Kolkata/Shillong/Kolkata w.e.f. 10th July 2013 – 5 times per week (ATR42) • Mumbai/Allahabad/Mumbai w.e.f. 09th September 2013 - 4 times per week (CRJ) • Mumbai/Agra/Mumbai w.e.f. 09th September 2013 - 2 times per week (CRJ) • Mumbai/Gwalior/Mumbai w.e.f. 09th September 2013 - 2 times per week (CRJ)
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi-Vadodara vv route with effect from 8th January, 2014- Daily. • Mumbai/Bhuj/Mumbai w.e.f. 15th May 2014 - 4 times per week. • Kolkata/Silchar/Tezpur & v.v. w.e.f. 01st August 2014 – 3 times per week • Kolkata/Guwahati/Lilabari & v.v. w.e.f. 01st August 2014 – 4 times per week • Delhi/Pantnagar/Delhi w.e.f. 14th October 2014 – 4 times per week
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct daily flight on Delhi-Vijayawada vv route in the year 2015. • Delhi-Vishakhapatnam-Port Blair & vv from 9th Apr'2015. • Delhi-Surat-Delhi from 1st Oct'2015. • Introduced daily flights on Mumbai-Calicut vv route with effect from 1st November, 2015. • Varanasi-Bhubaneswar & vv from 8th Nov'2015. • Kolkata-Durgapur-Delhi and vv from 22nd Dec'2015. • Delhi/Rajkot/Delhi w.e.f. 23rd February 2015 – Daily. • Mumbai/Diu/Mumbai w.e.f. 25th October 2015 – 4 times per week • Hyderabad/Vijayawada/Vizag & v.v. w.e.f. 01st November 2015 - 4 times per week • Mumbai/Surat/Mumbai w.e.f. 25th December 2015 - 3 times per week • Mumbai/Gwalior/Mumbai w.e.f. 25th December 2015 - 3 times per week
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bengaluru-Trivandrum-Bengaluru from 27th March, 2016. • Delhi/Gorakhpur/Delhi w.e.f. 15th January 2016 - 6 times per week • Kolkata/Agartala/Kolkata w.e.f. 01st April 2016 • Delhi/Jammu/Delhi w.e.f. 07th April 2016 – 3 times per week • Mumbai/Bhavnagar/Mumbai w.e.f. 21st April 2016 – 4 times per week • Delhi/Bhopal/Delhi w.e.f. 23rd May 2016 – Daily • Bhopal/Jabalpur/Hyderabad & v.v. w.e.f. 23rd May 2016 – 4 times per week • Bhopal/Raipur/Bhopal w.e.f. 23rd May 2016 – 3 times per week • Bangalore/Hubali/Bangalore w.e.f. 20th July 2016 – 4 times per week • Delhi/Jaipur/Delhi w.e.f. 26th July 2016 – 3 times per week

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ANNEXURE-II

STATE	DATE	ISSUES
GUJARAT	AUG, 2014	New flights required on following sectors: Delhi-Bhuj-Rajkot-Delhi Delhi-Rajkot-Bhuj-Delhi Surat-Kolkata Surat-Bengaluru-Chennai
BIHAR	SEP, 2014	Regular services from Gaya during Pitrapaksha
Madhya Pradesh	Nov, 2014	Air Service between Bhopal and Srilanka
Sikkim	Dec, 2014	Rescheduling of Delhi-Bagdogra flight
Tripura	Dec, 2014	Increase in frequency on Kolkata-Agartala
Andaman & Nicobar	Jan, 2015	Operation of Charter flights to Portblair Connectivity from Portblair to Coimbatore, Madurai, Trivandrum International connectivity from Portblair.
ODISHA	Jan, 2015	International operation from Bhubaneshwar
Arunachal Pradesh	Jan, 2015	Air connectivity for Army and Paramilitary forces from Lilabari
Bihar	Jan, 2015	Flights to Buddhist circuit in Summer
Karnataka	Jan, 2015	Operation to Bidar
PUNJAB	Jan, 2015	International flights from Chandigarh
Himachal Pradesh	Jan, 2015	Flights to Dharmshala and Kullu
Kerala	Jan, 2015	Development of Kochi as International hub
J&K	Jan, 2015	More flights to Leh
Maharashtra	Jan, 2015	International operations from Nagpur
Mizoram	Jan, 2015	Increase flights to Aizwal
Pondicherry	Jan, 2015	Flights to Pondicherry
Daman & Diu	Jan, 2015	Flights to Diu
Tripura	Feb, 2015	Increase in frequency on Kolkata-Agartala
Tripura	Jun, 2015	More flight on Kolkata-Agartala sector for patients
Andaman & Nicobar	Jun, 2015	Extension of Chennai-Portblair flight to Phuket
Tripura	July, 2015	Introduction of 02 Airbus flights from Agartala for Stretcher Patients.
Odisha	Jul, 2015	International flight from Bhubaneshwar
Assam	Jul, 2015	Connectivity from Guwahati
Tripura	Jul, 2015	Increase in frequency on Kolkata-Agartala
Bihar	Aug, 2015	Regular services from Gaya during Pitrapaksha
Nagaland	Sep, 2015	Extension of Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal flight to Dimapur
Bihar	Sep, 2015	Additional flights from Gaya and Patna dursing 350 th Anniversary of Shri Guru Govind Singhji
Maharashtra	Sep, 2015	Flights from Amritsar to Nanded
Gujarat	Sep, 2015	Flights to Kandala
Andaman & Nicobar	Sep, 2015	Deployment of New Aircraft on Portblair flight
Odisha	Oct, 2015	International flight from Bhubaneshwar Flight from Varanasi to Bhubaneshwar
Rajasthan	Nov, 2015	Flights to Bikaner, Jodhpur, Jaipur and Udaipur
Andhara Pradesh	Oct, 2015	More flights from Vijayawada
UP	Dec, 2015	Flights from Varanasi to Bhubaneshwar
Madhya Pradesh	Jun, 2016	Change of Aircraft on Delhi-Bhopal route
Bihar	April, 2016	Flight from Patna to Kathmandu
Maharashtra	Jun, 2016	Flight on Delhi-Mumbai-Nanded route
Gujarat	April, 2016	Flights to Porbanadar