

(b) and (c) National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) operates Daily flights in Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi and Mumbai -Raipur -Bhubaneswar -Mumbai sectors and 5 flights per week in Chennai- Bhubaneswar- Chennai sector. Jet Airways operates daily flights in Kolkata- Bhubaneswar-Kolkata sector. Kingfisher Airlines operates daily flights in Mumbai- Bhubaneswar- Mumbai and Bangalore- Bhubaneswar- Bangalore sectors and twice daily in Kolkata- Bhubaneswar- Kolkata sector. Indigo operates twice daily in Delhi- Bhubaneswar- Delhi and Hyderabad- Bhubaneswar-Hyderabad sectors.

It is upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country including Bhubaneswar subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.

(d) To upgrade the Bhubaneswar airport as International airport, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken various developments/ upgradation works at this airport like construction of new domestic terminal building complex with all modern amenities including two aerobridges at a cost of Rs. 145.54 crores for handling 400 arriving and 400 departing passengers with expected date of completion by November, 2011. In addition, there is also plan for modification and upgradation of the existing terminal building. On completion of both the above works, the final capacity of Bhubaneswar airport will be 970 domestic passengers and 348 international passengers during peak hour as per IMG norms.

(e) Funds earmarked for the project of construction of a new terminal building and extension of apron is Rs. 160.54 crores and the expenditure incurred upto September, 2010 was Rs. 24.59 crores.

Flights between India, China and Pakistan

†782. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed to increase the number of flights between India, China and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the destinations of these flights from China and Pakistan;

(c) the benefit Government is likely to have from it; and

(d) the manner in which the security of these flights is likely to be ensured?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) There is no Trilateral Agreement signed amongst India, China and Pakistan on air services matters. However, during the bilateral air services talks held between India and Pakistan on 14 - 15 March, 2008, the capacity entitlements for the designated airlines of each side had been increased from 12 to 28 services per week. In the bilateral talks held between India and China on 19 - 20 March, 2008, there was no increase of capacity entitlements.

(c) The traffic rights are exchanged between the two countries on reciprocal basis. The enhanced bilateral entitlements are likely to help in the promotion of tourism, trade and business between the two countries by way of better availability of flight connections.

(d) The security of flights is ensured through the exclusive provision of "Security" of the Air Services Agreement between India and China and India and Pakistan and the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) in India is the nodal agency responsible for security of air services.

Utilisation of less used airports

†783. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such airports throughout the country which are being used very infrequently;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has made any analysis about cost and effect in respect of less use of these airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has made/is making any plan for full utilization of these airports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Due to non-operation of schedule flights, the operational airports at Akola, Behala, Cooch Behar, Cuddapah, Gondia, Belgaum, Kanpur [Civil], Pantnagar, Pondicherry and Kota are in frequently used. Only non-schedule flights operate to these airports.

(c) and (d) No Sir.

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