

Airports with international connectivity

3335. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is planning to sign more bilateral agreements so that Indian Airlines could take up more international routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of airports in the country having international connectivity presently;

(d) the details of airports in the country yet to have international connectivity; and

(e) by when these airports would have international connectivity and the details of existing infrastructure and the expansion plans for those airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Airports at Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bagdogra, Bangalore, Calicut, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Gaya, Guwahati, Goa, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Kochi, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangalore, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Trivandrum, Tiruchirapalli, Varanasi, Vizag have international connectivity presently.

(d) and (e) Bhubaneswar, Imphal, Port Blair, Srinagar are declared international airports and Patna, Aurangabad, Chandigarh are declared customs airports. Indian carriers are free to mount services from any point in India to foreign destinations as per the respective bilateral air services arrangements. However, actual operation is always guided by its commercial judgement.

No food or conveyance allowance to Air India employees at IGI Airport

3336. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that food and conveyance allowance has not been provided to employees of Air India posted at the Terminal-3 at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport for the past 18 months;