

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

**Rajya Sabha**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1776**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th March 2021**

**INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES FROM BHUBANESWAR**

**1776. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-**

**(a) whether Government has any plans to run more international flights from Bhubaneswar, particularly to South and South-East Asia;**

**(b) if so, the details of proposed flight connectivity to different international destinations from Bhubaneswar; and**

**(c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION  
(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

**(a), (b) & (c) : Bhubaneswar is amongst 18 tourist destinations which are available as points of call to the designated carries of ASEAN and SAARC (except Afghanistan & Pakistan) countries. The designated carriers of these countries can operate unlimited services to these 18 destinations including Bhubaneswar. Till the Winter 2019 schedule (prior to imposition of restrictions on scheduled commercial passenger flights) Air Asia Berhad and Thai Air Asia operated from Bhubaneswar to Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok respectively.**

**Indian carriers are free to mount operations from any point in India including Bhubaneswar to foreign destinations under the ambit of bilateral Air Service Agreements concluded by India with foreign countries. However, the start of international flights from any point in India including Bhubaneswar is purely a commercial decision of**

**scheduled airlines on the basis of traffic demand and commercial viability of the route.**

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