

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 367
(To be answered on the 18th July 2019)

DELHI-RAJKOT-DELHI FLIGHT

*367. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has received representations to start additional flight operations for Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has given concurrence to operate everyday an additional Red Eye/ Fly by night flight on Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi sector due to nonavailability of slots between 06.00 to 22.00 hrs. at New Delhi and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the slots at New Delhi are lying vacant due to a recently defunct airline;
- (d) if so, whether the Government will utilize the vacant slots at New Delhi to operate additional flight on Delhi- Rajkot-Delhi sector between 06.00 to 22.00 hrs.; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred (*) Question No. 367 for 18.07.2019 regarding 'Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi Flight'.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A representation has been received from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Mohanbhai Kundariya for starting operation to/from Rajkot with A-320 aircraft on various routes including Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi. Also, Airports Authority of India (AAI) had received request from Air India in January, 2019 for operation of additional flight at Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi sector with arrival time 0400 hours IST (Indian Standard Time) and departure at 0440 hours IST. The same was denied by AAI as the slot times requested by Air India at Rajkot Airport were beyond watch hours, which are 0630-0800 hours & 1600-1800 hours on Monday, Thursday, Saturday and 1600-2000 hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

(c): The Government has constituted a Slot Allocation Committee having representatives from DGCA, AAI and JV/Private Airport operators for allocation of domestic slots vacated by Jet Airways to other scheduled airlines on adhoc basis, in a most transparent and equitable manner. As per the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) devised for the purpose, all the domestic slots of recently defunct airline at New Delhi airport have been allocated to other airlines and no slot is lying vacant.

(d) & (e): Does not arise. However, Delhi International Airport Ltd. (DIAL) received a request from Air India on 8th July, 2019 for Delhi-Rajkot flight and DIAL has approved a 1250 hours departure and a 1645 hours arrival.
