

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2455
(To be answered on the 3rd August 2023)**

AIR SERVICES FROM CHENNAI AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to introduce more air services through foreign airliners from Chennai International Terminal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the total number of international airliners in operation from Chennai International airport Terminal and the expected increase after the opening of additional aerobridges and gates;**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the direct international flights from Chennai to foreign destinations; and**
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to add an additional Runway at Chennai International Airport Terminal exclusively for the Cargo flights operations and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c) International flight operations are governed by bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and the respective countries. In accordance with ASA, Indian designated carriers are free to mount operations to/from any international airport including Chennai to foreign destinations as per mutually agreed capacity limits.

Chennai is already available as a point of call to the carriers of more than 50 countries. However, start of international flight from any point in India is

purely a commercial decision of the airlines based on several factors including economic viability of the route, availability of aircraft etc.

As on date, about 26 airlines are operating on international routes from Chennai international airport resulting in direct connectivity with 19 countries.

(d) Presently, there is no proposal for additional Runway at Chennai International Airport for the Cargo flights operations.
