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AI flights between India and China

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(a) the details of Air India flights operating between major cities of China and India;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are hundreds of Indian students studying in Nanning, Guanxho province in China but there is no AI flight from Nanning to Delhi or other major cities resulting in difficulty for students studying in this province, particularly medical students; and.

(c) the reasons why AI cannot operate flights in this sector or operate, at least, during January-February and July-September when students have holidays which will be a win-win situation for both?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) : Air India is operating to Shanghai and Hong Kong in China from Delhi and Mumbai as per Annexed schedule.

(b) : Air India has no flight from Nanning and Guangzhou to Delhi or any other cities of India. Air India has entered into special prorate agreement with
Dragon Air to provide connecting flight from Guangzhou to Delhi via Hong Kong.

(c) : At present, Air India is not in a position to consider operation to Nanning and Guangzhou due to resource constraints. However, Air India continually
monitors market developments and will consider introduction of services based on increase in market potential, availability of resources and subject to
commercial viability of operations.