

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1492  
(To be answered on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025)**

**FLIGHTS FROM MOHALI AIRPORT**

**1492. SHRI MALVINDER SINGH KANG**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

**(a) whether the Government is taking measures to increase international flight operations from Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali, especially to countries with significant Punjabi diaspora such as Canada, USA, UK and Australia;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**

**(c) the steps/initiatives being taken by the Government to upgrade the infrastructure at the said airport which serves as a major gateway for international passengers; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

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**(a) & (b) 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 Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh to foreign destinations as per mutually agreed capacity limits. However, the start of international flights from any point in India is purely a commercial decision of the airlines on the basis of economic viability of the route and other associated factors.**

**(c) & (d) Upgradation/ modernisation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other Airport Operators/Developers from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand /**

**willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airport.**

**Chandigarh International Airport Limited (CHIAL) has initiated steps for construction of Southern Taxi Track Part-II, relocation of integrated cargo terminal, extension of apron along with integrated cargo terminal, construction of Terminal Building Phase-II, construction of MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul) Unit of aircraft, construction of Flight Kitchen/Hotel & Fuel Farm for Airlines facilitation, construction of General Aviation Terminal for VIP Movements/Chartered Flights etc. at Chandigarh Airport.**

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