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This is in continuation of my d.o. letter No. MCA&T/1893/VIP/93 dated 28th August/2nd September, 1993 regarding introduction of direct flight between Port Blair and New Delhi via Bhubaneswar and increasing the frequency of air services to these Islands.

I have had the matter looked into. Indian Airlines is facing serious B-737 crew constraints due to large scale exodus of pilots and hence it is not feasible to increase B-737 operations at present.

As regards increase in frequencies between Calcutta/Port Blair and Madras/Port Blair and also the reintroduction of service to Car Nicobar, as stated above, it is not possible to further augment capacity on the above sectors due to B-737 crew constraints. However, your valuable suggestions have been noted and will be considered once Indian Airlines has sufficient B-737 operating crew to undertake operation of the above service.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ghulam Nabi Azad)

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