

Report on Air Talks held between India and Japan

Air talks were held between the delegations of India and Japan on 17-18 October, 2006, and the Record of Discussions were signed.

The salient features of the Record of Discussions are as follows:-

- (i) The designated airlines of each country shall be entitled to operate up to 21 frequencies per week in each direction.
- (ii) Within the overall entitlement of 21 frequencies, the designated airlines of each country shall be entitled to exercise 5th freedom traffic rights on a total of 14 frequencies, out of which 5th freedom traffic rights on intermediate points can be exercised on 9 frequencies.
- (iii) Over and above these services, the designated airlines of each side shall be entitled to operate 7 all-cargo services per week.
- (iv) In addition, the new arrangements provide for code-share arrangements with the airlines of any country, as well as the domestic code-share facility.
- (v) For the purpose of operation of code-share flights, a separate entitlement of 21 services per week has been created for the designated airlines of each Party.

The designated airlines of both sides would be entitled to operate to one additional point of their choice in each other's territory. In addition, 3 points of call of the airlines choice would be available for the purpose of operation of code-share flights.
