

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2094
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th March 2023**

PRIVATE AIRLINES IN INDIA

2094. SHRI JUGALSINH LOKHANDWALA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total number of private airlines in the country;**
- (b) whether the Ministry keeps record of their fleet, if so, the details of their present fleet size;**
- (c) the total number of airports being presently serviced by all private players through all types of planes;**
- (d) the number of these airports in 2017; and**
- (e) the total quantum of viability gap funding provided by the Ministry under the RCS-UDAN scheme, nationally tabulated State-wise?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) & (b): As on 09.03.2023, there are 17 scheduled airlines operating in India. The number of the aircrafts endorsed by the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) on the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) is 718.

(c) to (e): Presently, there are 148 operational airports in the country, which includes 137 airports, 02 Water aerodromes and 09 Heliports. There were 96 operational Airports of the Airports Authority of India as on March, 2017.

VGF (Viability Gap Funding) amount of around Rs. 2454 crore has been released to Selected Airline Operators as on 07.03.2023 for the operation of UDAN flights across the country. The State-wise break-up of VGF given to airlines is as per Annexure.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2094 FOR ANSWER ON 20.03.2023****Amount of VGF disbursed to Airlines (State-wise) as on 07.03.2023**

S. No.	Name of the State/UT	VGF Disbursed (in Rupees crore)
1	Nagaland	21.80
2	Sikkim	9.12
3	Uttarakhand	42.34
4	West Bengal	84.15
5	Odisha	150.53
6	Arunachal Pradesh	38.81
7	Andhra Pradesh	126.41
8	Karnataka	570.36
9	Uttar Pradesh	243.54
10	Madhya Pradesh	149.83
11	Tamil Nadu	23.14
12	Maharashtra	282.22
13	Chhattisgarh	63.76
14	Meghalaya	36.10
15	Diu	1.49
16	Gujarat	82.57
17	Assam	51.57
18	Kerala	105.09
19	Haryana	0.66
20	Punjab	86.42
21	Rajasthan	176.05
22	Himachal Pradesh	47.57
23	Jharkhand	1.29
24	Tripura	12.90
25	Mizoram	3.93
26	Manipur	12.57
27	Bihar	10.15
28	Delhi	18.52
29	Telangana	1.40
Total		2454.29