

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3523
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd April 2023
GROWTH OF AVIATION INDUSTRY

3523. SHRI RAKESH SINHA

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

- (a) the growth of aviation industry in the last five years;**
- (b) the number of new airports which have been added in the said period;**
- (c) the growth rate of air passengers in the said period; and**
- (d) the number of aviation companies operating in the country**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The aviation sector in India has been affected adversely due to COVID-19 which resulted in airlines suffering financial losses and drop in passenger traffic. However, the situation is now improving as witnessed by rebound in air travellers. As per the information provided by the Scheduled Indian Carriers, the total number of passengers carried in scheduled domestic and scheduled international operations for 2018-19 to 2022-23 (provisional) is as per Annexure.

Ten (10) new Airports have been added in the country from 2017 onwards so far.

As on 31.01.2023, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued Scheduled/Scheduled Commuter Operator Permit to 17 aviation companies including Cargo for scheduled operations.

ANNEXURE

**ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3523
FOR ANSWER ON 03.04.2023**

Statement of Domestic and International Passenger carried by Scheduled Indian Operators on Scheduled Services 2018-19 to 2022-23(P)-upto February-2023						
Financial Year	Domestic Passengers		International Passengers		Total Passengers	
	Passengers Carried	Growth Rate	Passengers Carried	Growth Rate	Passengers Carried	Growth Rate
2018-19	14,03,33,572	-	2,58,99,715	-	16,62,33,287	
2019-20	14,12,02,179	0.6	2,27,22,845	-12.3	16,39,25,024	-1.4
2020-21*	5,33,30,502	-62.2	-	-	5,33,30,502	-67.5
2021-22**	8,41,84,459	57.9	1,14,371	-	8,42,98,830	58.1
2022-23(P) upto Feb 2023	12,31,26,570	46.3	2,15,45,079	-	14,46,71,649	71.6
P stands for Provisional						
*In wake of Covid-19 all Scheduled International operations carried by Indian carriers have been suspended as per DGCA's Circular dated 26-03-2020.						
** As per DGCA's Circular No. 4/1/2020-IR dated 08-03-2022, Scheduled commercial International Passenger services to/from India were resumed with effect from 27.03.2022						
