GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Rajya Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1122

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31st July 2023

FORMATION OF MONOPOLIES IN CIVIL AVIAITON SECTOR

1122.   SHRI BINOY VISWAM

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

(a) whether Government is aware that airlines owned by two business houses have captured more than 85 per cent share of the entire domestic civil aviation market;

(b) if so, policy measures that Government is taking to prevent creation of monopolies; and

(c) the impact of monopolies on pricing of tickets?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): India is one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world. Market share of Airlines keeps on changing as and when new aircraft are inducted and operationalised. As per the information received by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the domestic market share of scheduled Airlines is as per Annexure.

With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate.

Airfares are neither established nor regulated by the Government. Under the provisions of Sub Rule (1) of Rule 135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, every air transport undertaking engaged in scheduled air services is required to establish tariff having regard to all relevant factors.

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Details of Market Share (%) of Domestic Airlines operating in the country in 2022-23

MARKET SHARE OF DOMESTIC SECTOR IN TERMS OF PASSENGERS CARRIED

AIRLINES	2022-23 (Provisional)	Market Share(%)
AIR ASIA	8,986,255	6.6%
AIR INDIA	11,696,923	8.6%
AIR INDIA EXPRESS	8,483	0.0%
AKASA AIR	1,913,714	1.4%
ALLIANCE AIR	1,595,308	1.2%
FLYBIG	255,592	0.2%
GO AIR	11,398,881	8.4%
INDIA ONE AIR	5,534	0.0%
INDIGO	76,708,825	56.4%
SPICEJET	10,749,350	7.9%
STAR AIR	226,628	0.2%
VISTARA	12,483,163	9.2%
total	**136,028,656**	