GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 171
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2024

AFFORDABLE AIR TRAVEL FOR PASSENGERS FROM JHARKHAND

171.   SHRI ADITYA PRASAD

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

(a) whether Government is considering to make air travel more affordable for the people of Jharkhand State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and

(c) the year-wise data of domestic air passenger traffic since 2019 along with the details thereof, State-wise including Jharkhand?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Government launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) in October 2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country for making air travel affordable to the people of India including the State of Jharkhand. Promoting affordability of regional air connectivity is envisioned under UDAN by supporting Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) through concessions by the Central Government, State Governments/UTs and airport operators to reduce the cost of operations on regional routes and providing financial (Viability Gap Funding or VGF) support to meet the gap.

In the state of Jharkhand, 6 (six) airports, Bokaro, Dumka, Jamshedpur, Hazaribagh, Deoghar and Daltonganj have been identified for development and operation of RCS flights.

Jamshedpur and Deoghar Airports have been operationalised and Licensing is in progress at Bokaro and Dumka. Hazaribagh and Daltonganj are yet to be taken up for development due to land and other issues.

8 Routes have been operationalised in the State of Jharkhand under the UDAN scheme.

(c): The year-wise and state-wise data of domestic air passenger traffic since 2019 is at Annexure.

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Statewise data of Domestic Air Passenger Traffic carried by Schedule Indian operators from Schedule Domestic Operations from 2019 to 2023 (Provisional)					
States	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023(Provisional)**
JHARKHAND	**2528944**	**1306435**	**1737320**	**2269888**	**2760242**
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	1700499	593906	762027	1144625	1377570
ANDHRA PRADESH	5131349	2332992	3187505	4376960	5217284
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	908	498	8645	39903	176511
ASSAM	7030391	3351921	4439268	6090649	7355995
BIHAR	4546787	2916912	3881239	4405024	4427041
CHANDIGARH	2181754	1275807	2343791	3302468	3582231
CHHATTISGARH	2151543	1111895	1547213	2191230	2541111
DAMAN & DIU	18547	15201	24376	38160	43741
DELHI	52005839	23057691	32002443	46144544	53747065
GOA	7960888	2894682	5163784	7536171	10749541
GUJARAT	13362629	5625094	7362540	10626463	13702118
HARYANA			391		
HIMACHAL PRADESH	182314	99569	152145	199548	239418
JAMMU & KASHMIR	4976520	2676853	5075556	6908841	6658240
KARNATAKA	30922310	13579866	16714104	26415320	34857303
KERALA	8795279	3137472	3694096	6434286	8749095
LAKSHADWEEP	28268	7915	17690	40629	38610
MADHYA PRADESH	4786938	1980173	2744657	4217518	5441077
MAHARASHTRA	47649625	18278987	23260495	40379571	51922405
MANIPUR	1288137	519252	782670	1080796	1227606
MEGHALAYA	22606	9301	43763	102390	147029
MIZORAM	163420	106611	148190	304641	379218
NAGALAND	185565	105308	197366	270518	308742
ODISHA	4041623	2001736	2461390	3510146	4733892
PONDICHERRY	72583	18199		62758	51969
PUNJAB	1825544	808289	1057407	1625497	2026547
RAJASTHAN	6867237	3228839	4436524	6130364	7694116
SIKKIM	14464		39656	36946	10227
TAMIL NADU	21467639	8449474	10018674	15816522	19552208
TELANGANA	20318085	9138021	11007480	15990734	20221765
TRIPURA	1389589	669437	893084	1278068	1414089
UTTAR PRADESH	9076385	5102556	5928682	8069121	10240056

UTTARAKHAND	1351043	667564	978224	1593615	1714645
WEST BENGAL	23427260	10648240	13377763	17850114	20772353
Total	**287472512**	**125716696**	**165490158**	**246484028**	**304081060**