

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
Rajya Sabha**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 179**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2024**

**AIRCRAFT INDUCTION BY SCHEDULED OPERATORS**

**179. SHRI JAGGESH**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian aviation sector is witnessing a surge in aircraft induction to cater to the unprecedented growing demand;**
- (b) the number of aircrafts inducted by Scheduled Operators during the year 2023 and total number of planes with Scheduled Indian carriers till 31st December, 2023;**
- (c) whether the existing number of aircrafts are sufficient to meet the growing demand;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the steps taken by Government to further increase aircraft induction to meet the rising demand and details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): There is an increase in aircraft induction by the airline operators. During the year 2023, the Scheduled airline operators inducted 112 aircraft in their fleet . The total number of aircraft endorsed on the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) of Scheduled Airline operator as on 31.12.2023 is 771. Airline wise fleet details as on 31.12.2023 are at Annexure-I.**

**(c), (d) & (e): The airline operators induct new aircraft in their fleet to cater to the growing demand of air transport. The details of orders placed by major airlines are at Annexure-II.**

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**Annexure-I**

**No. of aircraft endorsed on AOC (Air Operator Certificate) with different airlines as on 31.12.2023**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Airlines</b>	<b>Fleet Size</b>
<b>Scheduled Operators</b>		
1	AIX Connect Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly known as AirAsia (India) Pvt. Ltd.)	24
2	Air India Ltd. (Air India)	124
3	Air India Express Ltd. (Air India Express)	34
4	Alliance Air Aviation Ltd. (Alliance Air)	21
5	Blue dart Aviation Ltd. (Blue Dart)	8
6	GO Airlines (India) Ltd. (Go First)*	54*
7	Interglobe Aviation Ltd. (Indigo)	342
8	Quikjet Cargo Airlines Pvt. Ltd. (Quikjet)	2
9	SNV Aviation Pvt. Ltd. (Akasa Air)	20
10	Spice Jet Ltd. (Spice Jet)	57
11	Tata SIA Airlines Ltd. (Vistara)	66
12	Zexus Air Services Private Limited (Zoom)	2
<b>Scheduled Commuter Operators</b>		
13	Big Charter Pvt. Ltd. (Fly Big)	2
14	GSEC Monarch and Deccan Aviation Pvt. Ltd. (IndiaOne Air)	3
15	Ghodawat Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. (STAR AIR)	8
16	Pawan Hans Ltd. (SCO)28	4
<b>Total Fleet</b>		<b>771</b>

\* GO Airlines (India) Ltd. (Go First) is currently undergoing Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process as per Section 10 of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code.

**Annexure-II****Aircraft orders placed by Major Airlines  
(As per information received from the airlines)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the operator</b>	<b>Type of aircraft</b>	<b>No. of aircraft ordered</b>	<b>Year</b>
1	Air India Group	A320/A321	210	2023
		A350	40	2023
		B787	20	2023
		B777	10	2023
		B737-8	190	2023
2	InterGlobe Aviation Limited (Indigo)	A320 Family	400	2015
		A320 Family	300	2019
		A320 Family	500	2023
		ATR 72-212A (600 Version)	50	2017
3	SNV Aviation Pvt. Ltd. (Akasa Air)	B737-8	76	2021
		B737-8	150	2024
4	Spicejet Limited (SpiceJet)	B737-8	155	2016
<b>Total</b>			<b>2101</b>	

**Note:**

- 1. Aircraft induction by the airline operators would be accompanied with re-delivery/export of their existing aircraft in line with expiry of the lease periods. The aircraft induction would therefore cater for increase in airline fleet as well as replacement of existing fleet over the time.**
- 2. Airline operators would plan/optimize their fleet over the time based on commercial considerations.**