

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO : 165
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th December 2025)

INCREASING MARKET SHARE UNDER UDAN

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

- (a) the monthly domestic air passenger traffic data for the last one year, particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh, airline-wise, route-wise;
- (b) criteria used by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to monitor airline-wise market concentration and passenger service quality;
- (c) details of regulatory reviews, if any, conducted in light of increasing market share of specific carriers over the last six months;
- (d) measures taken to improve regional air connectivity under Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) in response to traffic growth patterns; and
- (e) status of airport infrastructure capacity expansion projects in high-growth corridors during the last two years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 165 FOR REPLY ON 15.12.2025 REGARDING INCREASING MARKET SHARE UNDER UDAN ASKED BY SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH.

(a): The Monthly domestic passengers data for the F.Y. 2024-2025 is at Annexure-I.

The Airline-wise domestic passengers data for the state of Uttar Pradesh during the F.Y. 2024-2025 is at Annexure-II.

(b): With the repeal of Air Corporations Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation was totally deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate with the compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines(RDGs) issued by Government, slot allocated by the respective airport operators and further approval of schedule from DGCA.

Further, in order to ensure appropriate protection for the air travelers, DGCA has issued various passenger centric Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) and regulations/circulars to safeguard the interest of the travelling public.

(c): DGCA has an established system of continuous regulatory oversight, which includes regular reviews of airline operations. As part of its functions, DGCA undertakes comprehensive assessments of the winter and summer schedules filed by domestic airlines and examines sectoral capacity, operational feasibility, crew deployment, and overall preparedness of scheduled airline operators.

(d):The Government launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN scheme to improve regional air connectivity by reviving unserved and underserved airports in Tier-2 & Tier- 3 cities, for making air travel affordable to the masses. As on 30.11.2025, 651 routes have been operationalised, connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes across the nation and over 1.57 crore domestic passengers have travelled on more than 3.27 lakh RCS flights. Further, the Government has announced the launch of the modified UDAN Scheme to increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations across the country, to cater to 4 crore passengers over the next 10 years.

(e): Modernisation and development of infrastructure facilities at the airports is a continuous process and is undertaken on the passenger demand forecast, operational requirements for safety of aircraft operation and demand from airlines. Development works are taken up in a phased manner depending upon availability of land and viability, as well as other facilities with reference to intended aircraft operations. The CAPEX incurred at airports (both PPP & AAI) since 2023-24 is Rs. 46,882 Crore. A list of major airport infrastructure works completed by AAI during the last two years is at Annexure III.

ANNEXURE-I

| Monthwise, Airline wise Passengers (in numbers) carried by Scheduled Indian operators for Scheduled Domestic operations for Financial year 2024-2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| AIRLINE NAME | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | Total |
| AIX CONN ECT | 7,1 6,8 57 | 7,0 3,3 39 | 6,3 7,8 60 | 5,9 0,0 23 | 5,7 7,3 47 | 5,3 5,2 94 | | | | | | | 37,6 0,72 0 |
| AIR INDIA | 14, 58, 158 | 15, 64, 289 | 14, 98, 868 | 15, 42, 638 | 15, 21, 012 | 14, 51, 744 | 14, 71, 093 | 22, 51, 104 | 26, 04, 182 | 24, 22, 796 | 24, 06, 210 | 23, 03, 093 | 2,24 ,95, 187 |
| AIR INDIA EXPRES S | 4,2 2,2 78 | 3,2 8,3 20 | 4,2 3,2 33 | 3,1 7,7 46 | 4,0 8,3 61 | 5,1 7,1 24 | 11, 77, 057 | 12, 21, 495 | 13, 42, 308 | 13, 35, 289 | 14, 23, 613 | 15, 75, 238 | 1,04 ,92, 062 |
| AKAS A AIR | 5,7 9,5 39 | 6,6 3,7 62 | 6,3 4,4 29 | 6,0 4,1 87 | 5,9 1,8 57 | 5,7 2,9 72 | 6,1 5,3 70 | 6,7 2,1 21 | 6,8 6,8 35 | 6,8 5,8 48 | 6,5 7,6 33 | 7,1 9,2 71 | 76,8 3,82 4 |
| ALLIA NCE AIR | 1,2 7,8 36 | 1,3 5,1 76 | 1,3 3,9 13 | 1,2 0,8 15 | 1,1 5,0 10 | 1,0 1,8 86 | 98, 107 | 96, 860 | 99, 952 | 90, 895 | 85, 992 | 77, 945 | 12,8 4,38 7 |
| FLY91 | 4,4 54 | 9,4 74 | 9,7 36 | 10, 200 | 14, 846 | 15, 537 | 17, 042 | 20, 308 | 24, 230 | 20, 612 | 11, 757 | 12, 327 | 1,70 ,523 |
| FLYBI G | 1,1 25 | 1,6 05 | 1,9 08 | 1,0 11 | 2,0 13 | 1,7 92 | 2,0 37 | 1,4 46 | 1,1 37 | 1,0 50 | 707 | 1,1 61 | 16,9 92 |
| INDIA ONE AIR | 2,0 43 | 2,2 10 | 1,8 52 | 1,6 69 | 2,1 43 | 2,2 63 | 2,1 24 | 2,6 07 | 3,1 31 | 2,8 60 | 2,7 21 | 2,9 92 | 28,6 15 |
| INDIG O | 79, 99, 788 | 85, 04, 042 | 80, 29, 628 | 80, 46, 505 | 81, 90, 413 | 82, 11, 792 | 86, 40, 128 | 90, 69, 728 | 96, 15, 322 | 96, 14, 311 | 90, 15, 997 | 93, 09, 423 | 10,4 2,47 ,077 |
| SPICEJ ET | 6,1 7,4 84 | 5,5 4,4 64 | 4,9 9,5 38 | 4,0 5,3 60 | 3,0 2,3 78 | 2,6 1,0 53 | 3,3 4,6 01 | 4,4 2,5 43 | 4,8 9,3 94 | 4,6 5,7 32 | 4,5 3,9 30 | 4,7 9,5 18 | 53,0 5,99 5 |
| STAR AIR | 52, 819 | 57, 676 | 58, 670 | 52, 432 | 51, 412 | 47, 677 | 56, 524 | 56, 913 | 59, 861 | 62, 994 | 59, 935 | 60, 714 | 6,77 ,627 |
| VISTA RA | 12, 17, 667 | 12, 70, 944 | 12, 76, 193 | 12, 93, 519 | 13, 53, 907 | 13, 08, 202 | 12, 43, 110 | 4,1 5,1 41 | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 93,7 8,68 3 |
| Total | 1,3 2,0 0,0 48 | 1,3 7,9 5,3 01 | 1,3 2,0 5,8 28 | 1,2 9,8 6,1 05 | 1,3 1,3 0,6 99 | 1,3 0,2 7,3 36 | 1,3 6,5 7,1 93 | 1,4 2,5 0,2 66 | 1,4 9,2 6,3 52 | 1,4 7,0 2,3 87 | 1,4 1,1 8,4 95 | 1,4 5,4 1,6 82 | 16,5 5,41 ,692 |

Annexure-II

Airline wise, Domestic Passengers (in numbers) carried to and from Uttar Pradesh for Financial year 2024-2025 by Scheduled Indian operators for Scheduled Domestic operations

| S. No. | Airline Name | Total Passengers |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | AIR ASIA | 2,17,125 |
| 2. | AIR INDIA | 8,09,241 |
| 3. | AIR INDIA EXPRESS | 12,56,582 |
| 4. | AKASA AIR | 14,31,917 |
| 5. | ALLIANCE AIR | 91,200 |
| 6. | FLYBIG | 8,258 |
| 7. | INDIGO | 84,02,711 |
| 8. | SPICEJET | 7,09,156 |
| 9. | STAR AIR | 1,14,835 |
| 10. | VISTARA | 1,98,635 |

Annexure-III

Major airport Infrastructure Works completed by AAI since 2023 (Costing more than Rs. 150 Cr.)

| S. No. | State | Airport | Name of project |
|--------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar | Port Blair | Construction of NITB and allied works at Port Blair Airport. |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | Tezu | Development And Operationalization Of Tezu Airport In Lohit District Of Arunachal Pradesh. |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | Hollongi/ Itanagar | Construction of Terminal Building at Hollongi Airport. |
| 4 | Gujarat | Surat | Extension of Terminal Building at Surat Airport. |
| 5 | Gujarat | | Extension of Apron and construction of Parallel Taxi Track at Surat Airport. |
| 6 | Gujarat | | Construction of Canopy in front of terminal building at Surat Airport. |
| 7 | Gujarat | Rajkot | Construction of Greenfield Airport at Hirasar (Rajkot). |
| 8 | Maharashtra | Pune | C/o NITB, re-construction of old terminal bldg., modification of existing expanded terminal building at C.E.Pune |
| 9 | Maharashtra | Kolhapur | Construction of New Domestic Terminal Building, ATC Tower cum Technical Block cum Fire Station and Associated works at Kolhapur Airport. |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | Jabalpur | Upgradation of Jabalpur Airport to make it suitable for operation of AB-320 type of Aircraft. |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh | Gwalior | Expansion of Civil Enclave at Gwalior Airport. |
| 12 | Uttarakhand | Dehradun | Construction of Domestic Passenger Terminal Building at Dehradun Airport |
| 13 | Uttar Pradesh | Prayagraj | Construction of New Terminal Building, Second Link Taxi Track, Apron Expansion, and associated works at Prayagraj Airport - On Design & Build Basis. |
| 14 | Tamil Nadu | Trichy | Construction of New Terminal Building, Apron, ATC Complex at Trichy Airport. |
| 15 | Tamil Nadu | Tuticorin | Construction of New Terminal Building, ATC Tower cum Technical Block, Fire Station and Associated works including Maintenance, Operation and AICMC at Tuticorin Airport. |
| 16 | West Bengal | Kolkata | Airside Capacity Enhancement of NSCBI Airport, Kolkata. Extension of F -Taxi track from proposed Bay No. C-13 to 19R & from 19R to 19L, Construction of 03 nos. RET's, 04 nos. Apron, Shoulders and Box Culvert at different locations of NSCBI Airport, Kolkata. |