

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2561  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16th March 2026**

**DECREASING COMPETITION IN AVIATION SECTOR**

2561. SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK

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

- (a) the details of the total number of airlines operating in country since 2021, year-wise; and
- (b) the details along with names of airlines that have exited the market or went bankrupt since 2021?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): The details are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

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**Annexure-I**

**No. of Scheduled/Scheduled Commuter airlines operating in the country since 2021 (Year Wise)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Airlines (As on 31<sup>st</sup> March of each year)</b>
2021	15
2022	14
2023	17
2024	17
2025	12
2026 (As on 11.03.2026)	11

**Annexure-II****Details of Scheduled/Scheduled Commuter Airlines shutdown since 2021**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name Of Operator</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>	<b>AOC valid till/Date of Closure</b>	<b>Remarks, if any</b>
1.	Turbo Megha Airways Pvt. Ltd. (TRU JET)	17.05.2017	11.05.2022	No aircraft left with the operator as the aircraft taken back by the lessor.
2.	Go Airlines (India) Pvt. Ltd.	28.10.2005	02.05.2023	Insolvency under IBC 2016.
3.	Air Asia (India) Pvt. Ltd. (Name changed to AIX Connect Pvt. Ltd.)	07.05.2014		Merged into Air India Express Ltd. w.e.f. 01.10.2024
4.	Tata Sia Airlines Ltd. (Vistara)	15.12.2014		Merged into Air India Ltd. w.e.f. 12.11.2024
5.	Big Charter Pvt. Ltd. (Fly Big)	14.12.2020	13.12.2025	Aircraft withdrawn by the lessor, financial issues with operator.

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