

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1081
(To be answered on the 8th February 2018)**

Growth of Domestic Air Passengers

**1081. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM
SHRI ARKA KESHARI DEO**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of pattern of growth of domestic air passengers in terms of percentage during the last three years in the country;
- (b) the current share of Air India out of the total domestic air traffic in the country;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the share of Air India in the domestic air traffic;
- (d) whether domestic air passengers have increased in second and third quarter of current financial year, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to connect religious and tourist spots in the country under UDAN scheme; and
- (f) if so, the timeline set by the Government for the said scheme?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a): The details of growth of domestic air passenger traffic on scheduled operations in the country during last three years 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17 are at Annexure.
- (b): The share of Air India Limited in scheduled services of domestic air passenger traffic for the year 2016-17 in the country is also at Annexure.
- (c): The following steps amongst have been taken by Air India to improve market share:
 - i. Introduction of new routes.
 - ii. Preferred seat selection on domestic and international routes.
 - iii. Flash sale of seats to increase revenue and Passenger Load Factor.
 - iv. To utilise unsold inventory/launching of airfare equivalent to Rajdhani II AC fare on select sectors.
 - v. Dynamic pricing and introduction of Advance Purchase Fare.
 - vi. Various Sales and Marketing initiatives.
 - vii. Joining of Star Alliance.
- (d): The details of increase in domestic air passenger traffic on scheduled operations in second and third quarters of financial year 2017-18 is given at Annexure.
- (e) & (f): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 for providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country. The primary objective of RCS is to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. RCS-UDAN is a demand-driven scheme, where airline operators undertake assessment of demand on particular routes from time to time.

Annexure
Material for Parts (a), (b) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1081 to
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Part (a)

YEAR	Scheduled Domestic Operation	
	Total Passengers(Million)	% Change over previous year (Growth)
2013-14	60.67	-
2014-15	70.08	15.5
2015-16	85.20	21.6
2016-17	103.75	21.8

Part (b)

AIR INDIA (2016-17)	
Passenger carried in domestic scheduled operations (In Million)	13.73
% share in total domestic Passengers in scheduled operations	13.2

Part (d)

QUARTERLY PASSENGER TRAFFIC OF INDIAN CARRIERS ON SCHEDULED DOMESTIC OPERATIONS

	2016-17		2017-18(Provisional)		% change over corresponding quarter of previous year(2017 18 over 2016-17)
	Passenger(Million)	% change over previous quarter	Passenger(Million)	% change over previous quarter	
Quarter-I	24.45		28.78		17.7
Quarter-II	25.02	2.3	28.75	-0.1	14.9
Quarter-III	27.10	8.3	32.08	11.6	18.4