

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1420
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th December 2022)**

INCREASING NUMBER OF AIR PASSENGERS

**1420. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE
DR SUBHASH RAMARAO BHAMRE
DR AMOL RAMSING KOLHE
DR DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the number of air passengers are increasing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu every year and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of steps taken by the Government to increase air services in these States in view of increasing number of passengers;**
- (c) whether the Government has any statistics regarding number of air passengers in the country;**
- (d) if so, the number of passengers who travelled by air during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and the revenue generated therefrom;**
- (e) whether there has been negative growth in domestic air traffic during the last three years and current year in the country and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard; and**
- (f) whether there are many towns and cities in the country which are still not connected by air travel and if so, the steps taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

a) to (f) Yes, Sir. During the pre-covid period, there was an increase in air passengers in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. The details of passenger traffic along with the percentage growth in

Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu is attached at Annexure I.

Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses.

During 2019-20, all Indian airports across the country handled 275 million passenger traffic. Due to the adverse effect of COVID-19 on aviation industry worldwide, the domestic passenger traffic in India decreased to 105 million during 2020-21. The details of domestic passenger traffic since 2020-21 to October 2022 is attached at Annexure II.;

The details of revenue earned by Airports Authority of India for the last three years and the current year (October 2022) is attached at ANNEXURE III.

As on 30.11.2022, after four rounds of bidding under UDAN, 453 routes have commenced, operationalizing 70 Airports including 2 Water Aerodrome & 9 Heliports. More than 2.15 lakh UDAN flights have operated and over 1.1 crore passengers have availed the benefits in UDAN flights so far. The scheme has been able to provide air connectivity to Tier-2 & Tier-3 cities at affordable airfares and has transformed the way people travel.

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLAND AIR TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR 2017-18 TO 2021-22

TOTAL PASSENGERS (IN NOS.)

S No	Airport	2021-22	2020-21	% Change in 2021-22 over 2020-21	2019-20	% Change in 2020-21 over 2019-20	2018-19	% Change in 2019-20 over 2018-19	2017-18	% Change in 2018-19 over 2017-18
1	PORTBLAIR	761610	400361	90.2	1658661	-75.9	1711881	-3.1	1549951	10.4
TOTAL		761610	400361	90.2	1658661	-75.9	1711881	-3.1	1549951	10.4

MAHARASHTRA STATE AIR TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR 2017-18 TO 2021-22

TOTAL PASSENGERS (IN NOS.)

S No	Airport	2021-22	2020-21	% Change in 2021-22 over 2020-21	2019-20	% Change in 2020-21 over 2019-20	2018-19	% Change in 2019-20 over 2018-19	2017-18	% Change in 2018-19 over 2017-18
1	AKOLA	0	0	-		-	-	-	-	-
2	AURANGABAD	250989	145561	72.4	347734	-58.1	347781	0.0	344180	1.0
3	GONDIA	1774	0	-	39	-100.0	100	-61.0		-
4	JALGAON	7604	6049	25.7	15330	-60.5	1531	901.3	563	171.9
5	JUHU	85959	59847	43.6	157852	-62.1	147711	6.9	165870	-10.9
6	KOLHAPUR	96319	71557	34.6	130868	-45.3	17521	646.9	14	125050.0
7	MUMBAI (MIAL)	21747892	11054811	96.7	45873329	-75.9	48815063	-6.0	48496430	0.7
8	NAGPUR	1605433	948237	69.3	3061548	-69.0	2801910	9.3	2186137	28.2
9	NANDED	19738	28176	-29.9	136764	-79.4	118248	15.7	49192	140.4
10	NASIK (HAL OZAR)	51789	83140	-37.7	102357	-18.8	43511	135.2	2248	1835.5
11	PUNE	3713491	2137859	73.7	8085607	-73.6	9070927	-10.9	8164840	11.1
12	SHIRDI	176787	85673	106.4	568968	-84.9	229040	148.4	37234	515.1
13	SHOLAPUR	23	13	76.9	154	-91.6	15	926.7	30	-50.0
14	SINDHUDURG	19569	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		27777367	14620923	90.0	58480550	-75.0	61593358	-5.1	59446738	3.6

TAMILNADU STATE AIR TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR 2017-18 TO 2021-22

TOTAL PASSENGERS (IN NOS.)

S No	Airport	2021-22	2020-21	% Change in 2021-22 over 2020-21	2019-20	% Change in 2020-21 over 2019-20	2018-19	% Change in 2019-20 over 2018-19	2017-18	% Change in 2018-19 over 2017-18
1	CHENNAI	9533301	5495707	73.5	22266722	-75.3	22543822	-1.2	20361482	10.7
2	COIMBATORE	1285922	846649	51.9	2842835	-70.2	3000882	-5.3	2403935	24.8
3	MADURAI	679781	565539	20.2	1422337	-60.2	1520016	-6.4	1442807	5.4
4	SALEM	2577	18513	-86.1	35905	-48.4	41404	-13.3	998	4048.7
5	TANJAVUR	0	0	-		-		-		-
6	TRICHY	556707	355903	56.4	1612492	-77.9	1578831	2.1	1513273	4.3
7	TUTICORIN	135363	121320	11.6	235692	-48.5	177427	32.8	96143	84.5
8	VELLORE	0	0	-		-		-		-
TOTAL		12193651	7403631	64.7	28415983	-73.9	28862382	-1.5	25818638	11.8

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1420 FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2022**YEARWISE DETAILS OF DOMESTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC**

Financial year	Domestic Passengers (in million)	Percentage growth (%)
2020-21	105	-61.7
2021-22	167	58.5
2022-23 (upto October)	147	96.5

Source: Airports Authority of India

Note: The percentage change for the financial year 2022-23 (upto October 2022) has been calculated based on the corresponding figure of the previous financial year.

ANNEXURE III

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1420 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2022

REVENUE EARNED BY AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

FINANCIAL YEAR	Revenue (Approx. Rs. in crores)
2019-20	12837
2020-21	4867
2021-22	6841
2022-23 (Upto October 2022)	6074

(Source: Airports Authority of India)