

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3692  
(To be answered on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023)**

**OPERATION OF SMALL PLANES FROM SMALLER AIRPORTS**

**3692. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK  
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the details of the total number of small planes operating on smaller airports situated in small cities and far flung areas of the country;
- (b) whether the Government has collaborated/ signed any deal with global aircraft manufacturers Embraer SA and Russia's Sukhoi to make small planes in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the said deal;
- (d) the manner in which these small planes would be helpful in providing easy accessibility to remote and far flung areas of the country;
- (e) the total number of small planes likely to be built locally through this joint collaboration in the current fiscal year; and
- (f) whether the Government has sanctioned and released any funds for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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(a) As per data maintained by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), there are 5 scheduled commuter operators endorsed with 14 aircraft on their AOC (air operator certificate). Additionally, three scheduled operators are also operating ATR42/72, Q400 & DO-228 aircraft. A list of above mentioned operators along with number of such aircraft endorsed on their AOC is enclosed as Annexure.

(b) and (c) No Sir.

**(d) Small planes are helpful in providing easy accessibility to remote and far flung areas of the country for last mile connectivity, as they are most suited for short runways located in remote areas where other means of transport are time consuming and constrained.**

**(e) and (f) Does not arise in view of (b) above.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 3692 FOR ANSWER ON 23.03.2023**

**ANNEXURE**

**List of airlines operating small planes as on 15/03/2023**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Airline</b>	<b>Type of Aircraft</b>	<b>Number of Aircraft</b>
1	Aviation Connectivity Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd. - (AIR TAXI)	TECNAM2006T	1
2	Big Charter Pvt. Ltd. (Fly Big)	ATR72-600	3
3	GSEC Monarch and Deccan Aviation Pvt. Ltd. (IndiaOne Air)	Cessna Grand Caravan 208B	2
4	Ghodawat Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. (STAR AIR)	EMB-145LR	5
5	Pawan Hans Ltd. (SCO)	Dauphin-2 SA 365N	3
6	Alliance Air Aviation Ltd. (Alliance Air)	ATR72-600 ATR42-600 DO-228-201	18 2 1
7	Interglobe Aviation Ltd. (Indigo)	ATR72-600	39
8	Spice Jet Ltd. (Spice Jet)	Q400	28