

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Lok Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1337**  
**( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th July 2023 )**  
**OPERATIONAL DOMESTIC AIRLINES**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

**(a) the details of domestic airlines operating in the country, their market share, the time since operating along with number of employees engaged by each domestic airline;**

**(b) the number of domestic airlines functioning in Tamil Nadu alongwith number of air passenger who have travelled in these domestic airlines during last three years;**

**(c) whether any of these airlines has discontinued operations and if so, the details thereof along with number of employees rendered jobless by each of these airlines;**

**(d) whether most of the domestic airlines are incurring losses and profit earned has also drastically reduced during each of the last three years and if so, the details therefor and if not, the reasons therefor; and**

**(e) whether the Government has any proposal to give incentives to domestic airlines for operating to and from certain regional and remote areas and if so, the details thereof along with remote areas to be connected with air routes?**

## **ANSWER**

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

**(a): The details of the domestic airlines which have been issued Air Operator Certificate (AOC) by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to start the operations in the country are at Annexure-I. The details of market share of the Scheduled Indian Airlines are at Annexure- II. Number of Personnel of Scheduled Indian Airlines during last three years are at Annexure-III.**

**(b): The number of domestic airlines functioning in Tamil Nadu along with number of air passengers (Domestic and International) is at Annexure - IV.**

**(c): List of the Airlines which discontinued operations during last 5 years is at Annexure-V.;**

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**(d): Details of the Financial Performance of the Scheduled Indian Airlines during last three years are at Annexure-VI.;**

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**(e): 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 make air travel affordable for the masses. The UDAN scheme envisages providing connectivity to unserved and underserved airports of the country through revival of the existing airstrips and airports. Financial Support to the Selected Airline Operators is in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF). State Governments provide 20% share towards VGF for RCS flights pertaining to their states. However, the share of VGF for North-Eastern states and the Union Territories is 10%.**

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**Details of Domestic Airlines operating in the country**

S. No.	Name of Airlines	Date of issuance of AOC
<b>Scheduled Operators</b>		
1	AIX Connect Pvt. Ltd. (Air Asia)	07/05/2014
2	Air India Ltd. (Air India)	30/01/2008
3	Air India Express Ltd. (Air India Express)	22/04/2005
4	Alliance Air Aviation Ltd. (Alliance Air)	01/05/1997
5	Blue dart Aviation Ltd. (Blue Dart)	31/12/2003
6	GO Airlines (India) Ltd. (Go First)*	28/10/2005
7	Interglobe Aviation Ltd. (Indigo)	03/08/2006
8	Quikjet Cargo Airlines Pvt. Ltd. (Quikjet)	12/12/2022
9	SNV Aviation Pvt. Ltd. (Akasa Air)	07/07/2022
10	Spice Jet Ltd. (Spice Jet)	17/05/2005
11	Tata SIA Airlines Ltd. (Vistara)	15/12/2014
<b>Scheduled Commuter Operators</b>		
12	Aviation Connectivity Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd. - (AIR TAXI)	14/12/2020
13	Big Charter Pvt. Ltd. (Fly Big)	14/12/2020
14	GSEC Monarch and Deccan Aviation Pvt. Ltd. (IndiaOne Air)	24/06/2022
15	Ghodawat Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. (STAR AIR)	01/01/2019
16	Pawan Hans Ltd. (SCO)	11/03/2019

\* Go Airlines (India) Ltd. is currently under Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process under Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

### Details of Market Share (%) of Domestic Airlines operating in the country in the last 4 years

#### MARKET SHARE OF DOMESTIC SECTOR

AIRLINES	2019-20	Market Share(%)	2020-21	Market Share(%)	2021-22	Market Share(%)	2022-23 (P)	Market Share (%)
AIR ASIA	9,441,070	6.7%	3,609,627	6.8%	4785571	5.7%	8,986,255	6.6%
AIR INDIA	15,419,648	10.9%	4,781,615	9.0%	8166932	9.7%	11,696,923	8.6%
AIR INDIA EXPRESS	177,292	0.1%	22,754	0.0%	17893	0.0%	8,483	0.0%
AIR TAXI		0.0%	183	0.0%	221	0.0%		0.0%
AKASA AIR		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	1,913,714	1.4%
ALLIANCE AIR	1,635,463	1.2%	705,273	1.3%	1077709	1.3%	1,595,308	1.2%
FLYBIG		0.0%	7,238	0.0%	81268	0.1%	255,592	0.2%
GO AIR	15,298,589	10.8%	4,018,264	7.5%	7970284	9.5%	11,398,881	8.4%
INDIA ONE AIR		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	5,534	0.0%
INDIGO	68,058,886	48.2%	29,336,170	55.0%	46606224	55.4%	76,708,825	56.4%
PAWANHANS	2,674	0.0%	1,331	0.0%	1530	0.0%		0.0%
SPICEJET	21,989,717	15.6%	7,086,585	13.3%	8386574	10.0%	10,749,350	7.9%
STAR AIR	84,876	0.1%	112,239	0.2%	199633	0.2%	226,628	0.2%
TRUJET	836,453	0.6%	277,862	0.5%	147549	0.2%		0.0%
VISTARA	8,148,986	5.8%	3,371,361	6.3%	6743071	8.0%	12,483,163	9.2%
<b>total</b>	<b>141,202,237</b>		<b>53,330,502</b>		<b>84,184,459</b>		<b>136,028,656</b>	

P- stands for provisional

**MARKET SHARE OF INTERNATIONAL SECTOR**

<b>AIRLINES</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Market Share(%)</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Market Share(%)</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>Market Share(%)</b>	<b>2022-23 (P)</b>	<b>Market Share(%)</b>
AIR ASIA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	500	0.0%	0	0.0%
AIR INDIA	7,061,529	31.1%	1,519,104	28.0%	2,960,626	29.0%	6,746,383	28.3%
AIR INDIA EXPRESS	4,648,162	20.5%	1,444,283	26.6%	2,273,911	22.3%	4,098,086	17.2%
ALLIANCE AIR	4,294	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6,157	0.0%
GO AIR	962,920	4.2%	371,308	6.8%	631,001	6.2%	1,265,786	5.3%
INDIGO	6,967,074	30.7%	1,298,199	23.9%	3,166,686	31.0%	8,556,558	35.8%
SPICEJET	2,793,549	12.3%	648,418	11.9%	769,479	7.5%	1,911,174	8.0%
VISTARA	223,906	1.0%	145,691	2.7%	414,335	4.1%	1,292,074	5.4%
<b>total</b>	<b>22,722,845</b>		<b>5,427,003</b>		<b>10,216,538</b>		<b>23,876,218</b>	

P- stands for provisional

\* In wake of Covid-19 all Scheduled International Operations carried by Indian carriers have been suspended as per DGCA's Circular dated 26-03-2020.

\*\* As per DGCA's Circular No. 4/1/2020-IR dated 08-03-2022 , Scheduled commercial international passenger services to/from India were resumed with effect from 27.03.2022

Material for Lok Sabha, Starred Question Dy. No. 3127 to be answered on 27-07-2023.

**NUMBER OF PERSONNEL OF SCHEDULED INDIAN AIRLINES FOR THREE YEARS**

Airlines Name	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23(P)
AIR INDIA	8,156	7,120	14,205
AIR INDIA EXPRESS	1,439	1,445	1,884
ALLIANCE AIR	843	849	NR
AIR ASIA	2,947	2,911	2,996
AIR TAXI		17	NR
BLUE DART	1,183	1,190	1,284
GO AIR	5,160	5,225	NR
INDIGO	23,711	26,164	32,783
SPICEJET	14,622	12,177	10,060
STAR AIR	353	394	678
TRUJET	950		NR
VISTARA	3,790	4206	5,280
AKASA AIR			2,334
QUIKJET CARGO			108
INDIAONE AIR			124
FLYBIG		532	479
Total	63,154	62,230	72,215
P- Provisional			
NR-Not Reported			

**Statement of Number of Passengers carried by Scheduled Indian Carriers for Scheduled Domestic Operations in Tamil Nadu during last 4 years**

City/Airlines	2019-2020	2020-21*	2021-22**	2022-23 (P)
<b>TAMIL NADU TOTAL</b>	<b>19,097,998</b>	<b>5,889,932</b>	<b>9,063,579</b>	<b>16,116,957</b>
AIR ASIA	638,343	307,087	303,090	387,726
AIR INDIA	1,801,731	366,607	717,155	1,149,649
AIR INDIA EXPRESS	124,136	19,467	11,157	-
AKASA AIR	-	-	-	319,571
ALLIANCE AIR	127,295	1,066	16,440	37,740
BLUEDART	-	-	-	-
GO AIR	665,728	208,283	187,070	266,976
INDIGO	11,049,452	3,932,877	6,708,873	11,950,539
JET AIRWAYS	3,930	-	-	-
JETLITE	3,426	-	-	-
SPICEJET	3,984,252	766,271	669,669	1,014,989
TRUJET	143,628	48,480	5,408	-
VISTARA	556,077	239,794	444,717	989,767
(P)- Provisional				

**Statement of Number of Passengers carried by Scheduled Indian Carriers for Scheduled International Operations in Tamil Nadu during last 4 years**

City/Airlines	2019-2020	2020-21*	2021-22**	2022-23 (P)
<b>TAMIL NADU TOTAL</b>	<b>2,341,163</b>	<b>467,115</b>	<b>912,424</b>	<b>2,198,977</b>
AIR INDIA	482,901	57,589	137,946	467,187
AIR INDIA EXPRESS	581,015	262,886	340,367	468,991
ALLIANCE AIR	4,294			6,157
BLUE DART AVIATION		-	-	
GO AIR		2,838	144	86
INDIGO	1,000,442	101,083	360,707	1,107,455
JET AIRWAYS	2,469			
SPICEJET	270,042	41,209	63,336	149,101
VISTARA AIRLINES		1,510	9,924	
(P)- Provisional				
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**Annexure-V**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of airlines closed</b>	<b>Names of Closed Airlines</b>	<b>Date of Closure</b>
2018	NIL	-	-
2019	2	*Jet Airways (India) Ltd.	17.04.2019
		Jet Lite (India) Ltd.	17.04.2019
2020	3	Zexus Air Services Pvt. Ltd.	30.06.2020
		Deccan Charters Pvt. Ltd.	24.07.2020
		Air Odisha Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	30.07.2020
2021	NIL	-	-
2022	2	Heritage Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	10.01.2022
		Turbo Mengha Airways Pvt. Ltd.	11.05.2022
2023 (As on 21.07.2023)	NIL	-	-

**List of closed airlines in last 05 years**

\* M/s Jet Airways (India) Ltd. has been issued with AOC on 13.02.1995. They had discontinued their operations w.e.f. 17.04.2019. After closure, M/s Jet Airways (India) Ltd. had undergone insolvency proceedings at NCLT, Mumbai. The AOC has been re-issued on 20.05.2022, however the airline did not start its operations and AOC expired on 19.05.2023.



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**FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF SCHEDULED INDIAN AIRLINES FOR THREE YEARS****(RS. IN MILLION)**

<b>CARRIER/ AIRLINE</b>	<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>			<b>OPERATING RESULT</b>		
	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23 (P)</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23 (P)</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23 (P)</b>
<b>AIR INDIA</b>	1,03,376.8	1,71,052.3	3,13,773.7	1,50,386.4	2,07,989.4	3,36,744.7	-47,009.6	-36,937.1	-22,971.0
<b>AI EXPRESS</b>	20,394.2	35,225.7	57,306.6	18,896.5	32,511.1	53,971.2	1,497.6	2,714.7	3,335.3
<b>ALLIANCE AIR</b>	4,535.4	7,175.3	7,981.7	6,784.6	8,529.5	8,690.9	-2,249.2	-1,354.3	-709.2
<b>GO AIR</b>	23,261.9	41,837.7	NR	26,696.1	50,202.5	NR	-3,434.2	-8,364.9	NR
<b>SPICE JET</b>	51,333.8	65,573.3	65,328.0	65,170.5	87,740.7	56,743.0	-13,836.7	-22,167.4	8,585.0
<b>INDIGO</b>	1,46,406.3	2,59,309.3	5,44,464.5	1,98,337.3	2,95,122.7	5,00,832.1	-51,931.0	-35,813.4	43,632.5
<b>AIR ASIA</b>	13,587.2	18,877.2	43,104.1	27,547.5	36,980.1	66,130.8	-13,960.3	-18,102.9	-23,026.7
<b>VISTARA</b>	22,434.9	52,265.1	1,17,839.8	39,185.8	64,809.6	1,20,480.3	-16,750.9	-12,544.5	-2,640.5
<b>BLUE DART</b>	7,770.0	9,530.0	11,834.0	6,880.0	8,718.0	11,006.0	890.0	812.0	828.0
<b>TRUE JET</b>	1,368.6	NR	NR	3,111.6	NR	NR	-1,743.0	NR	NR
<b>STAR AIR</b>	733.4	1,584.8	2,184.2	920.8	1,810.9	2,215.8	-187.4	-226.1	-31.6
<b>FLYBIG</b>		575.4	1,866.6		467.0	1,486.1		108.3	380.5
<b>AKASA AIR</b>			7,778.5			13,806.9			-6,028.4
<b>INDIAONE AIR</b>			86.2			27.5			58.8
<b>QUIKJET CARGO</b>			262.6			505.2			-242.6
<b>AIR TAXI</b>		3.5	NR		14.0	NR		-10.5	NR
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3,95,202.4</b>	<b>6,63,009.4</b>	<b>11,73,810.4</b>	<b>5,43,917.0</b>	<b>7,94,895.5</b>	<b>11,72,640.4</b>	<b>-1,48,714.6</b>	<b>-1,31,886.1</b>	<b>1,170.0</b>

*P- Provisional*

Note-ALLIANCE AIR, SPICE JET has provided Financial Information upto December 2022 for the FY 2022-23