

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

Lok Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3110

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st December 2023)

EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE SERVICE

3110. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is expected to overtake China and United States as the third-largest air passenger market in the world in the next ten years or by 2030 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is capable of achieving that target and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of number of air passengers that India caters to during the last five years, country and year-wise;**
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the Union Government proposes to expand its international airline service to new nations; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): There is no mechanism to project the passenger market of India in comparison to the other countries.

The year-wise details of the Scheduled Domestic and International passengers for the last five years are mentioned in Annexure -A, and the Country-wise details of the Scheduled International passengers for the last five years is given in Annexure B.

Indian Airlines are free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate within the ambit of bilateral agreements. The airlines provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. The start of international flights from any point in India is purely a commercial decision of the airlines on the basis of economic viability of the route, availability of aircraft, etc.

Annexure-A

Scheduled Domestic and International Passenger carried by Scheduled Indian and foreign Operators on Scheduled Services 2019-20 to 2023-24(P)-upto September 2023					
Financial Year	Indian Operators			Foreign Operators	Total Interantional passenger (Indian +foreign)
	Domestic passengers	International passenger	Total Passengers	International passenger	
	Passengers carried (In numbers)	Passengers carried (In numbers)	Passengers carried (In numbers)	Passengers carried (In numbers)	Passengers carried (In numbers)
1	2	3	4	5	6
2019-20	141,202,237	22,692,001	163,894,238	38,050,270	60,742,271
2020-21*	53,330,502		53,330,502		-
2021-22**	84,184,459	114,371	84,298,830		114,371
2022-23	136,028,656	23,858,816	159,887,472	30,758,340	54,617,156
2023-24(P) upto Sep 23	75,358,445	13,920,178	89,278,623	17,508,367	31,428,545
P-stands for provisional					
* In wake of Covid-19 all Scheduled International Operations carried by Indian Operators have been suspended as per DGCA's Circular dated 26-03-2020.					
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Annexure B								
International passenger carried by Scheduled Indian and Foreign Operator to and fro India on scheduled Services during last five years								
FY	2019-20		2020-21*	2021-22**	2022-23		2023-24 (till September	
Country	Domestic Operator	Foreign Operator		Domestic Operator	Domestic Operator	Foreign Operator	Domestic Operator	Foreign Operator
AFGHANISTAN	52,501	78,272			-	260	-	6
AUSTRALIA	177,846				315,815	93,482	159,129	34,067
AUSTRIA	75,142				7,707	-	29,986	-
AZERBAIJAN					-	7,798	9,624	20,369
BAHRAIN	208,170	1,068,284			252,734	992,409	212,107	518,734
BANGLADESH	542,429	530,210		3,640	523,919	383,712	372,964	191,643
BHUTAN		101,510			-	52,109	-	39,497
BURMA	69,606	26,160			2,855	15,869	2,480	11,393
CANADA	49,429	315,055			372,624	305,990	215,339	141,824
CHINA	158,613	614,854			-	-	-	-
DENMARK	73,082				5,996	-	32,314	-

EGYPT		60,049			-	64,600	-	31,856
ETHIOPIA		362,096			-	354,612	-	206,924
FINLAND		124,191			-	172,558	-	69,363
FRANCE	154,414	529,465		1,345	224,879	574,594	137,749	314,104
GEORGIA					7,526	-	9,438	-
GERMANY	226,588	1,249,781		981	261,992	934,423	148,145	538,561
HONG KONG	254,225	1,235,291			30,756	171,347	28,646	312,947
INDONESIA							15,482	-
IRAN		76,934			-	35,998	-	15,121
IRAQ	2,379	78,271			-	56,259	-	40,916
ISRAEL	95,675	49,079			60,557	-	43,891	-
ITALY	148,382	-			13,793	7,040	42,174	37,228
JAPAN	78,526	230,569			49,854	135,826	33,736	113,978
JORDAN					-	-		
KAZAKHSTAN		106,224			-	81,293	865	25,968
KENYA	16,483	168,323			65,175	131,175	43,299	90,810

KOREA	44,418	192,556			59,598	30,717	35,459	35,320
KUWAIT	681,792	695,011		7,254	834,221	877,060	449,313	473,355
KYRGYZSTAN					-	3,730	-	13,376
MALAYSIA	262,179	2,811,470			128,155	1,746,074	58,901	1,192,622
MALDIVES	406,107	58,136		6,029	669,085	88,859	250,514	51,922
MAURITIUS		207,718			803	135,639	26,346	76,123
NEPAL	512,817	248,700		3,702	626,593	240,837	489,839	116,940
NETHERLANDS	13,593	364,990			-	554,234	27,463	249,894
OMAN	1,147,460	1,769,070		369	1,087,500	1,179,650	586,437	726,149
POLAND					-	110,772	-	48,342
QATAR	1,383,884	2,025,739		12,687	1,642,707	2,023,800	938,724	1,021,187
REUNION		15,802			-	11,425	-	111
RUSSIA		459,182			-	100,261	-	76,891
RWANDA		27,687			-	19,019	-	8,141
SAUDI ARABIA	1,487,288	1,576,142		11,574	2,267,096	1,464,072	1,318,882	796,225
SEYCHELLES		57,146			-	11,275	-	6,009

SINGAPORE	1,535,175	2,930,427		2,702	1,314,361	2,797,574	877,204	1,560,947
SPAIN	52,385							
SRI LANKA	707,424	1,788,014		5,681	355,074	917,909	333,448	512,112
SWEDEN	62,526							
SWITZERLAND		248,927			-	232,877	-	138,539
TAIWAN		62,218			-	-	-	-
TANZANIA					-	60,946	-	36,655
THAILAND	1,928,590	2,354,511		2,332	1,646,935	1,560,781	805,044	1,042,684
TURKEY	146,163	354,058			174,310	443,697	221,430	224,961
TURKMENISTAN		33,657						
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	8,187,098	10,564,292		53,785	8,683,913	9,517,741	4,541,558	5,138,364
UNITED KINGDOM	849,408	1,805,305		2,290	1,119,742	1,301,854	715,906	784,654
UNITED STATES	843,053	254,261			972,666	452,381	595,750	145,996
UZBEKISTAN		116,176			-	76,495	1,469	56,304
VIETNAM	57,151	-			79,875	204,007	109,123	206,842
YEMEN		24,457			-	23,300	-	12,393

Grand Total	22,692,001	38,050,270		114,371	23,858,816	30,758,340	13,920,178	17,508,367
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