

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3209
(To be answered on the 17th December 2015)**

SALE OF STAKES BY AIRLINES

3209. SHRI HARINDER SINGH KHALSA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of private airlines sold their stakes to foreign airlines and the details of stakes transferred, airlines-wise and year-wise with corresponding amounts during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether all regulatory rules were followed in such transfers, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether foreign airline companies have flouted any rule of indirectly providing more flights than mandated, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the number of flights of each foreign airline companies as provided under the rules in India and the actual flights undertaken by them either directly or indirectly via India during the said period?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) and (b): The decision on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposal is taken by Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) after taking into account all extant Rule/regulation in the sector. FIPB approved the proposal submitted by M/s Etihad Airways PJSC, UAE for subscription of 27,263,372 equity shares of face value of Rs. 10 each of Jet Airways (India) Limited (Scheduled passenger airline) by way of preferential allotment for an amount not exceeding Rs. 20,57,66,52,711.02 at Rs. 754.74 per share on 10.10.2013. With this preferential allotment of equity shares, Etihad Airways PJSC would hold 24% of the post issued paid up equity share capital of Jet Airways (I) Ltd.

(c): No Madam, The operation of foreign carriers are allowed within their capacity entitlement. However, excess operation of a carrier is allowed on certain grounds which is decided on case to case basis.

(d): Details are attached at Annexure 1 and II.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REGARDING NUMBER OF FLIGHTS OPERATED AND PASSENGERS CARRIED OF JET AIRWAYS AND ETIHAD AIRWAYS FOR THE YEARS 2012-13, 2013-14 AND 2014-15

Year	Name of the Carrier	Flights Operated (Number)	PASSENGERS CARRIED (Number)
2014-15	Jet Airways (INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS)	45882	6962388
	Etihad Airways	11142	1577504
2013-14	Jet Airways (INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS)	39273	5772858
	Etihad Airways	6878	979276
2012-13	Jet Airways (INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS)	37058	5465421
	Etihad Airways	6350	819413

ETIHAD AIRWAYS ENTITLEMENT FOR LAST 3/4 YEARS:-

YEAR	ENTITLEMENT SEATS/WEEK	REMARK
2012-13*	13,330	-----
2013-14*	24,330	Effective from 24th April, 2013
2014-2015*	37,130	Effective from the IATA Winter 2014 Schedule
2015-16*	50,000	Effective from the IATA Winter 2015 Schedule

* The existing sector-specific operational flexibility to the designated airlines of both sides in the deployment of equipment of upto two per cent (2%) in the agreed weekly seat entitlements.

Within above overall entitlement, the designated airlines of the UAE (Abu-Dhabi, Designated Airline: Etihad) shall operate not more than following weekly seats/frequencies to/from their points of call:

Points of Call	2012-13 Freq./Seats	2013-14 Effective 24 th April, 2013 Freq./Seats	2014-15 Effective Winter 2014 Freq./Seats	2015-16 Effective Winter 2015 Freq./Seats
Mumbai	7/1,855	14 /3,384	21/5,163	28/6,952
Delhi	7/1,855	14/3,384	21/5,163	28/6,952
Thiruvananthapuram	1,365	2,487	3,793	5,106
Kochi	1,855	3,384	5,163	6,952
Chennai	1,365	2,487	3,793	5,106
Kozhikode	1,100	2,013	3,076	4,144
Jaipur	120	952	1,450	1,946
Kolkata	875	869	1,331	1,800
Hyderabad	980	1,783	2,717	3,657
Bangalore	980	1,794	2,741	3,693
Ahmedabad	980	1,793	2,740	3,692
TOTAL	13,330	24,330	37,130	50,000