

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

**Lok Sabha**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 211  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2023 )**

**RISE IN DOMESTIC AIR FARE**

**211. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the number of domestic air passengers is rising steadily;**
- (b) if so, the number of airports constructed in the country since the year 2010 including the place-wise and State-wise details thereof particularly Maharashtra;**
- (c) the number of airports operating and the number of airports lying unused at present out of those constructed including the reasons for their non-utilisation;**
- (d) whether facilities at several airports in the country are under-utilised because the private airlines are not permitted to operate from the said airports;**
- (e) the list of the airlines which have expressed their intent to operate from various airports in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh;**
- (f) the reasons for not permitting the private airlines to operate from the said airports;**

- (g) the criteria prescribed by the Government to extend the requisite permissions to the airlines;**
- (h) whether the Government proposes to permit Private Airlines to operate wide body air craft from K.I.A.L.; and**
- (i) if not, the reasons therefor?**

## **ANSWER**

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

**(a): The details of domestic air passengers travelled from 2018-19 to 2022-23 are at Annexure-I.;**

**(b) The State-wise list of Airports operationalised under UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) including Maharashtra is placed at Annexure-II. ;**

**(c) : Operationalisation of an airport depends upon air passenger demand forecast, demand from airlines, financial and operational viability, as well as other facilities with reference to intended aircraft operations. Airlines plan their flight schedule on a specific route/city based on market demand, commercial feasibility and their company policy on which the Ministry has no jurisdiction. The List of Airports operationalised under UDAN where there are no scheduled operations at present is placed at Annexure-III. ;**

**(d) to (i) : At present Indigo, Air India, Akasa Air, Air Asia India, SpiceJet, Vistara, Star Air and Alliance Air are operating in Maharashtra and Indigo, Akasa Air, Alliance Air, Air India, Air Asia India, Spicejet and Vistara are operating in Uttar Pradesh.**

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**The request of Airlines for operating flight services from Airports is accommodated within the available watch hours and Airport capacity. With the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market has been deregulated. Consequently,**

**airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and network they wish to operate across the country. Thus, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and their commercial viability, in compliance with the relevant guidelines in this matter.**

**The Government provides an enabling environment for growth of civil aviation sector but does not interfere in the operational plans of the airlines. International flight operations are governed by the bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and the respective countries. Operation 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 and other associated factors.**

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**Kannur International Airport has the requisite infrastructure like runway, Taxi way, parking bay and the Terminal Building to handle Wide Body aircraft.**

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## Annexure-I

**Total number of passengers carried by Scheduled Indian Carriers for their**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Passengers carried ( In Numbers)</b>	<b>Growth rate (%)</b>
2018-19	140,333,572	-
2019-20	141,202,237	0.62
2020-21	53,330,502	-62.23
2021-22	84,184,459	57.85
2022-23(Provisional)	136,028,656	61.58

**Scheduled Domestic Operations**

**List of 74 RCS Airports operationalized**  
(Total 74 Nos. including 19 Underserved and 55 Unserved airports)

S No.	State	Airport	Owner	Date of Operationalisation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	27-April-2017
2.		Kurnool (Unserved) (Round-3)	AP Airports Dev. Corp. Ltd	28-march 2021
3.	Assam	Jorhat (Underserved)(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	1-Aug-2018
4.		Lilabari (Underserved)(Round-2)	AAI	15-Jan-2019
5.		Tezpur (Underserved)(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	26-April-2018
6.		Rupsi (Unserved) (Round-2)	AAI	8-may 2021
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tezu (Unserved) (Round-2)	AAI	15 August 2021
8.		Passighat (Unserved) (Round-2)	IAF	24-May 2021
9.		Hollongi (Unserved) (Round-4.3)	AAI	15-Jan-2023
10.	Bihar	Darbhanga (Unserved) (Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	08-Nov-2020
11.	Chhattisgarh	Jagdalpur (Unserved) (Round-1)	State Govt.	14-June-2018
12.		Bilaspur (Unserved) (Round-1)	State Govt.	1-March-2021
13.	Daman & Diu	Diu (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	24-Feb-2018
14.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	1-May-2018
15.		Jamnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	IAF (CE-AAI)	17-Feb-2018
16.		Kandla (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	1-July-2017
17.		Keshod (Unserved) (Round-2)	AAI	16-Apr-2022
18.		Mundra (Unserved) (Round-1)	Private	17-Feb-2018
19.		Porbandar (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	10-July-2017
20.		Statue of Unity (W) (Unserved) (Round-3)	State Govt.	31-Oct-2020
21.		Sabarmati River Front (W) (Unserved) (Round-3)	State Govt.	31-Oct-2020
22.	Haryana	Hissar (Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	14-Jan-2021
23.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	27-April-2017
24.		Kullu (Underserved)	AAI	13-May-2019
25.		Mandi – <b>Heliport</b> (Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	09-Dec-2021
26.		Rampur – <b>Heliport</b> (Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	14-Dec-2021
27.	Jharkhand	Deoghar (Unserved) (Round-4.1)	AAI-Jharkhand (JV)	12-July-2022
28.		Jamshedpur (Unserved) (Round-1)	TATA Steel Ltd.	31-Jan-2023
29.	Karnataka	Belgaum (Underserved)(Round-3)	AAI	1-May-2019
30.		Hubli (Underserved)(Round-2)	AAI	14-May-2018
31.		Mysore (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	2-Sep-2017
32.		Vidyanagar (Unserved) (Round-1)	Private	21-Sep-2017
33.		Kalaburgi (Gulbarga) (Unserved) (Round-3)	State Govt.	22-Nov-2019
34.		Bidar (Unserved) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-SG)	07-Feb-2020

S No.	State	Airport	Owner	Date of Operationalisation
35.	Kerala	Kannur (Unservd) (Round-2)	Private (KIAL)	25-Jan-2019
36.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior (Underserved)(Round-1)	IAF (CE-AAI)	31-May-2017
37.	Maharashtra	Gondia (Unservd) (Round-4)	AAI	13-March-2022
38.		Jalgaon (Unservd) (Round-1)	AAI	23-Dec-2017
39.		Kolhapur (Unservd) (Round-1)	AAI	8-April-2018
40.		Nanded (Unservd) (Round-1)	MIDC	27-April-2017
41.		Ozar (Nasik) (Unservd) (Round-1)	HAL	23-Dec-2017
42.		Sindhudurg (Unservd) (Round-3)	State Govt.	9-October -2021
43.	Meghalaya	Shillong (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	26-April-2018
44.	Nagaland	Dimapur (Underserved)(Round-3)	AAI	07-Dec-2019
45.	Odisha	Jharsuguda (Unservd) (Round-1)	AAI	22-Sep-2018
46.		Jeypore (Unservd) (Round-1)	State Govt.	03-Aug-2022
47.		Rourkela (Unservd) (Round-1)	SAIL	07-Jan-2023
48.	Pondicherry (UT)	Pondicherry (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	16-Aug-2017
49.	Punjab	Adampur (Unservd) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	1-May-2018
50.		Bhatinda (Unservd) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	27-April-2017
51.		Ludhiana (Unservd) (Round-1)	AAI	2-Sep-2017
52.		Pathankot (Unservd) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	5-April-2018
53.	Rajasthan	Bikaner (Unservd) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	26-Sep-2017
54.		Jaisalmer (Unservd) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	29-Oct-2017
55.		Kishangarh (Unservd) (Round-2)	AAI	8-Oct-2018
56.	Sikkim	Pakyong (Unservd) (Round-2)	AAI	4-Oct-2018
57.	Tamil Nadu	Salem (Unservd) (Round-1)	AAI	25-Mar-2018
58.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra (Underserved)(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	8-Dec-2017
59.		Allahabad (Underserved)(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	14-June-2018
60.		Kanpur(Chakeri) (Unservd) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	3-July-2018
61.		Hindon (Unservd) (Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	11-Oct-2019
62.		Bareilly (Unservd) (Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	08-Mar-2021
63.		Kushinagar (Unservd) (Round-3)	AAI	26-Nov-2021
64.	Uttarakhand	Pantnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	4-Jan-2019
65.		Pithoragarh (Unservd) (Round-2)	State Govt.	17-Jan-2019
66.		Sahastradhara - <b>Heliport</b> (Unservd) (Round-2)	State Govt.	08-Feb-2020
67.		Chinyalisaur – <b>Heliport</b> (Unservd) (Round-2)	State Govt.	08-Feb-2020
68.		Gaucher – <b>Heliport</b> (Unservd) (Round-2)	State Govt.	08-Feb-2020
69.		New Tehri – <b>Heliport</b> (Unservd) (Round-2)	State Govt.	29-July-2020
70.		Srinagar – <b>Heliport</b> (Unservd) (Round-2)	State Govt.	29-July-2020

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71.		Haldwani – <b>Heliport</b> (Unservd) (Round-2)	State Govt.	8-Oct-2021
72.		Almora – Heliport (Unservd) (Round-2)	Army	26-Aug-2022
73.	West Bengal	Cooch Behar (Unservd)(Round-1)		21-Feb-2023
74.		Durgapur(Underserved)(Round-1)	Private	25-June-2019

**Annexure-III****List of Airports lying unused as on 30.06.2023**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Airport</b>
1.	<b>Gujarat</b>	Porbandar
2.		Mundra
3.		Sabarmati River Front(W)
4.		Statue of Unity (W)
5.	<b>Haryana</b>	Hissar
6.	<b>Maharashtra</b>	Jalgaon
7.		Nanded
8.		Gondia
9.	<b>Punjab</b>	Ludhiana
10.		Adampur
11.		Bhatinda
12.		Pathankot
13.	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Salem
14.	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Hindon
15.	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Pithoragarh
16.		Almora(H)