

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 475
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th July 2024)
DOMESTIC AIR PASSENGER

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of domestic air passenger traffic data since 2014;**
- (b) the details of ten airports with the highest number of domestic passengers during each of the last three years;**
- (c) the details of the change being observed in the number of domestic passengers after the implementation of UDAN Scheme;**
- (d) the number of functional airports/airstrips in the country at present along with the number of airports/airstrips out of these functional airports/airstrips constructed since 2014, year-wise; and**
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make air travel more affordable for citizen?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): The details of the domestic air passenger traffic handled at Indian airports w.e.f. 2014 to 2024(provisional) are at Annexure-I;

(b): The details of the ten airports with the highest number of domestic passengers during each of the last three years are at Annexure-II;

(c): Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) has contributed to the growth of domestic passengers in the country. More than 141 lakh passengers have so far flown on UDAN flights. ;

(d): At present, there are 157 airports/heliports/water aerodromes considered operational in India.12 Greenfield Airports have been constructed/operationalised since 2014. 48 airports/airstrips have been constructed by AAI since 2014. ;

(e): The RCS-UDAN Scheme seeks to make air travel more accessible and affordable to a larger population. The scheme has expanded the domestic aviation market, thereby increasing the number of air passengers and flight frequencies. 579 routes, connecting 85 airports, including 13 heliports & 02 water aerodromes, have so far been operationalised. More than 141 lakh domestic passengers have travelled through 2.73 lakh UDAN flights.

Annexure-I

The details of domestic air passenger traffic data since 2014

| Total number of passengers carried by Scheduled Indian Operators for Scheduled Domestic Operations | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Year | Number of Passengers Carried | Year on Year Growth in %Since 2014 |
| 2014 | 66,772,641 | |
| 2015 | 80,753,743 | 20.9 |
| 2016 | 99,475,474 | 23.2 |
| 2017 | 116,775,928 | 17.4 |
| 2018 | 138,698,284 | 18.8 |
| 2019 | 143,736,256 | 3.6 |
| 2020 | 62,858,348 | -56.3 |
| 2021 | 82,745,079 | 31.6 |
| 2022 | 123,242,014 | 48.9 |
| 2023 | 152,040,530 | 23.4 |
| 2024(upto May) -Provisional | 66,141,726 | |

Annexure-II

The details of the ten airports with the highest number of domestic passenger during each of the last three years;

| 2022 | (Number of Passenger Carried) | 2023 | (Number of Passenger Carried) | 2024 (upto May)- Provisional | (Number of Passenger Carried) |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| DELHI | 46,144,544 | DELHI | 53,747,065 | DELHI | 23,127,351 |
| MUMBAI | 29,742,476 | MUMBAI | 37,858,792 | MUMBAI | 16,486,586 |
| BENGALURU | 24,371,031 | BENGALURU | 32,543,235 | BENGALURU | 14,232,097 |
| HYDERABAD | 15,990,734 | HYDERABAD | 20,221,765 | HYDERABAD | 9,221,025 |
| KOLKATA | 14,854,294 | KOLKATA | 17,105,802 | KOLKATA | 7,494,183 |
| CHENNAI | 12,286,140 | CHENNAI | 15,177,501 | CHENNAI | 6,540,931 |
| DABOLIM | 7,536,171 | AHMEDABAD | 9,908,563 | AHMEDABAD | 4,305,441 |
| AHMEDABAD | 7,444,003 | PUNE | 9,542,232 | PUNE | 4,144,640 |
| PUNE | 7,080,483 | DABOLIM | 6,994,520 | DABOLIM | 2,661,869 |
| GUWAHATI | 4,834,326 | GUWAHATI | 5,960,294 | GUWAHATI | 2,475,824 |