

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR TAXI OPERATED BY PRIVATE AVIATION COMPANIES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of private aviation companies running Air Taxis in the country and the number of aircraft with the category/class/type and age operated by each of them respectively;
- (b) whether any guidelines about their safety, operation and maintenance have been issued and enforced by the Government/Director General of Civil Aviation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the period after which certification about air worthiness is required;
- (e) whether the Inspectors for the purpose are private individuals or are officials of the Government;
- (f) the number of accidents involving the small private aircraft during each of the last three years; and
- (g) the reasons attributed thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) There are 37 private aviation companies who have been granted non-scheduled operating permit. The details of aircraft are given at Annexure.

(b) & (c) The guidelines about safety, operation and maintenance of aircraft have been issued by Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) under Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section-3 series Cpart-III. The enforcement of these guidelines are ensured by DGCA. The Certificate of Airworthiness is issued /renewed by DGCA, under the provision of Rule 50 of Aircraft Rules, 1937.

(d) The Certificate of Airworthiness is normally valid for a period of one year. DGCA has laid down regulations that, the validity of Certificate of Airworthiness of all civil registered aircraft of 20 years or more, be restricted to 6 months instead of one year, which enables DGCA officers to inspect the aircraft more frequently to ensure compliance with manufacturers and DGCA requirements.

(e) The Inspectors for the above purpose are officers of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Government of India.

(f) The number of accidents during the last three years are given below:

1999	Nil
2000	3
2001 (Sept`2001)	4

(g) The reports from the investigators have been received in 5 cases and are under examination in DGCA/Ministry of Civil Aviation prior to their acceptance for formal release to general public. In two cases including the crash at Mainpuri is under investigation by a Committee of Inquiry. The reports are still awaited.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF NON-SCHEDULED OPERATOR'S PERMIT HOLDERS

S.No.	Name	Aircraft Type	Aircraft Age
			No.

1. Ace Airways Pvt.Ltd. AS 350 B (H) 1 19
2. Aerial Services Pvt. Beech jet-400 1 -
3. Ahmedabad Aviation Cessna 172 1 26
Academy Piper Aztec 1 21
Cessna 172 P 1 20
4. Airworks India (P) King Air C-90 1 23
Ltd.
5. Asia Aviation Ltd. Cessna Cit II 1 19
6. Azal India Pvt.Ltd. Bell 412 HP (H) 6 12
08
04
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15
7. Blue Dart B-737-200 3 26
26
21
8. Century Textiles & Cessna Caravan-II 1 12
Industries Ltd.
9. Delhi Flying Club Cessna 152 1 16
16
King Air C90 10
10. Deccan Aviation Bell 206 L3(H) 2 04
03
Bell 206 B3(H) 2 11
10
Bell 212(H) 1 20
Bell 407 (H) 1 05
Ecureil AS355(H)1 17
Pilatus PC-12 2 02
02
11. Dwarka Air Taxi Cessna 404 1 20
Titan
12. Escorts Ltd. Bell-407 (H) 1 03
13. East India Hotels HS-125-700 1 -
C-90A 1 16
14. Govt.of Rajasthan Allouette III(H) 1 -
15. Great Eastern Bell 212 (H) 2 21
Shipping Co. Ltd. 21

16. Hindustan Institute Cessna 172 L 1 29
of Engg.Technology
17. India International Bell 222 UT(H) 1 12
Airways HS-125 B 1 -
18. Indo Pacific Bell 206 L 4(H) 1 07
Aviation
19. Jagson Airlines DO-228 2 -
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20. J.K.Corp. King Air B-200 1 17
21. Jindal Strips Ltd. King Air C-90 1 24
22. Kudremukh Iron Ore Allouette III(H) 1 25
Co.Ltd.
23. Malhotra Helicopters Bell-47G5 (H) 1 32
24. Megapode Airlines HS-125-700B 1 -
Falcon 2000 1 3
25. Orient Flying School Cessna-152 3 20
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Seneca III 1 20
26. Pawan Hans Dauphin 2 (H) 20 15
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Bell 206 L4(H) 3 14
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Robinson (H 2 05
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MI 172 (H) 3 07
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Bell 407(H) 2 04
03
27. Rajputana Aviation Cessna-172P 1 20
Academy (P) Ltd. Cessna-152 2 05
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28. Raymond Ltd. AS 355N (H) 1 07
 Bell 206 L3 (H) 2 09
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 Cessna Cit-II 1 20
29. Reliance Transport Gulfstream-IV 1 13
 Travels Ltd.
30. Sahara India B-737-200 1 -
 Airlines B-737-400 1 -
 Ecureuil AS 355N 3 04
 (H) 04
 04
 Dauphin 365 N2 (H) 1 04
31. Saraya Aviation(P) Beech B-58 1 24
 Ltd.
32. Span Air Pvt.Ltd. Bell 206 L4 (H) 1 06
 Bell 407 (H) 1 05
 Super King 200 1 18
33. Taneja Aerospace PC 68-TC 1 05
 Aviation Ltd. P 68C 4 05
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 03
34. Tata Tea Ltd. MD 600N (H) 1 03
 (Proposed)
35. Trans Bharat Avn. Beech 99 2 32
 33
 Bell-206 B3(H) 2 09
 02
 Bell 407 (H) 1 05
 Piper Seneca 06
36. U.B.Air Chetak (H) 1 12
 Bell 212(H) 3 23
 21
 22
37. Vidyut Travel Kingair C-90 1 07
 Services

Note: Seating capacity indicates passenger seating capacity excluding pilots seat.

H - Helicopter