

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATIONS OF AIRLINES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fleet strength of the public and private airlines operating in the country along with the details of international routes as well as profitable routes on which they are operating at present;

(b) whether the Government has stipulated any condition for overseas operations of these airlines and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has made it mandatory for private airlines to operate in North-East Region and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

(a): The details of the fleet strength of the scheduled domestic operators are as under:

Air Asia 1, Air India 106, Air India Express 21, Alliance Air 9, Jet Airways 94, Jet Lite 11, Spice Jet 56, Go Air 19, Indigo 79, Air Costa 4.

Scheduled domestic airlines operating to/from the following international destinations:-

Bahrain, Male, Muscat, Dubai, Singapore, Sharjah, Dhaka, Sydney, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Moscow, Brussels, Riyadh, Abudhabi, Dammam, Jeddah, Frankfurt, Melbourne, Tokyo, Osaka, Kathmandu, Colombo, Rome, Milan, Yangon, Kuwait, Sanghai, Seoul, London, Birmingham, New York, Newark, Chicago. International operations to/from Kabul are temporarily suspended. Government does not maintain data in respect of profitability or otherwise of each such routes of public and private airlines.

(b): The conditions for overseas operations for domestic airlines are experience of 5 years of domestic operations and fleet of 20 aircrafts.

(c): Government has issued Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG). Accordingly, all scheduled operators are required to deploy in the North Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep (Category-II routes) at least 10% of their deployed capacity on trunk routes (Category-I routes). Further, at least 10% of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category-II routes, is required to be deployed for connectivity exclusively within these regions.