

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The Government has been receiving suggestions for upgradation of existing airports to international standards as well as construction of new international airports. No decisions have so far been taken.

Performance of Private Airlines Operators

638. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Private Airlines Operators who have been allowed operation in the country till date indicating names thereof and from which date permission given;

(b) how many of them have closed down their business in India during the last three years, year-wise and name-wise; and

(c) the details of Private Airlines which is providing more facilities to air passengers in comparison to Indian Airlines/Air India till date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Names of private airlines, date of permission given to them for scheduled operation and year of their closure.

Sl. No.	Name of private airlines	Date of permission	Year of closure
1.	M/s. Archana Airways	20.11.1994	*Has suspended operation temporarily.
2.	M/s. East West Airlines	20.11.1994	1996
3.	M/s. Jet Airways	13.2.1995	In operation
4.	M/s. Modiluft	20.11.1994	1996
5.	M/s. NEPC Airlines	20.11.1994	1997
6.	M/s. Sahara Airlines	1.1.1996	In operation
7.	M/s. Skyline-NEPC Ltd.@	20.11.1994	1997

*Permission was valid upto 19.11.1999

@Previously known as M/s. Damania Airways