

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Vayudoot has in its fleet 8 Dornier, 8 HS-748 and 1 F-27 aircraft. Out of these, 5 Dorniers, 4 HS-748 and one F-27 aircraft are operational at present.

Success in the operation of private air taxis

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private air taxi operators in the field, the routes they are operating on and the type and number of aircraft they are using;

(b) whether a number of these operators have withdrawn after making initial appearances; and

(c) the reasons therefor and what remedial steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) there are six air taxi operators who have obtained permits for running air taxi services. They are free to operate to all airports open to operation of scheduled air services. The names of the operators and the type of aircraft in their possession are given below:—

S.No.	Name of the Operator	Type of aircraft
1	M/s, India International Airways Pvt, Ltd, 'New Delhi,	(i) HS-125 (ii) Bell Jet Ranger 206-B-III
2	M/s, Delhi Gulf Airways Services Pvt, Ltd, 'New Delhi	(i) Ecrueil-A350B (ii) Allouttee-III
3	M/s, U.B. Air Pvt, Ltd, 'Bangalore,	Dornier-228
4	M/s, Air Asiatic Ltd, 'Madras,	Boeing-737
5	M/s, Trans Bharat Aviation Pvt, Ltd, 'New Delhi	Beachcraft-99
6	M/s, Continental Aviation Private Ltd, 'Bhopal, .	Boeing-720

(b) and (c) It is reported that M/s Air Asiatic Ltd., has suspended its operations due to its own internal problems.