

domestic routes that would enable Air India to offer improved product in the important markets, improve on-time performance and reduce cost of operations.

Statement

Details showing number of passengers carried by Scheduled domestic airlines during second quarter of 2010

Sl.No.	Airline	April-June 2010	April-June 2010
		(2nd Quarter of 2010)	(2nd Quarter of 2010)
		Domestic	Market Share
1	Kingfisher	2808178	21.1
2	Jet Airways	2472249	18.5
3	Indigo	2148686	16.1
4	Air India (Domestic)	2268045	17.0
5	Spicejet	1757486	13.2
6	JetLite	1051884	7.9
7	Go Air	787932	5.9
8	Paramount	44820	0.3
Total (Nos.)		13339280	100.0

Note: The details of passengers indicated above in respect of Air India (domestic) are provisional. The market share in term of passenger carried was highest for Kingfisher Airlines (21.1%) followed by Jet Airways (18.5%) and Air India (Domestic) (17%) in the second quarter of 2010.

Naming of Madurai airport

1661. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to increase the income of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) by using the infrastructure created in new centres of domestic airports such as Madurai in Tamil Nadu to have airlines routes from Paris/ London/ New York/ Singapore as the tourist flow from these countries are increasing to this area; and

(b) whether with the starting of international flights the airport would be named after Shri Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):
(a) and (b) Madurai airport has not been declared as an international airport at present. However, the renaming of Madurai airport is under active consideration of the Government.

Shortage of air traffic controllers

1662. DR. MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of flights on Delhi airport have been almost doubled whereas the number of traffic controllers are almost the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the shortage of Air Traffic Controllers (ATC) in the Airports Authority of India (AAI); and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to recruit traffic controller?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):
(a) The number of flights over a period of last five years has almost doubled. The number of Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) has also been augmented accordingly.

(b) Number of Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) posted and average number of flights operating at IGI airport in repsective order are as under:

June (2005) -125, 422; June (2010) - 216, 741.

(c) and (d) Additional manpower requirement arose due to sudden growth in air for the following reasons: (i) Opening of new work positions to handle increased air traffic, (ii) Opening of additional sectors, (iii) Opening of new airports and commencement of new air services, (iv) Operationalisation of small airports which were earlier non-operational, (v) Increase in ATC watch hours at many airports; and (f) Attrition of Air traffic Control Officers. Air Traffic Control Officers are being recruited regularly to fill up the vacant post. A total of 275 Junior Executives have been recently recruited.