

license is validated by DGCA for the purpose of flying aircraft registered in India. The foreign licensed pilots are however phased out by the airlines once the co-pilots inducted by them become eligible for Commander after undergoing requisite training for the same, as per airlines policy. The details of foreign pilots inducted by major Indian Scheduled Carriers is given in the Statement.

Statement

*The Present Strength of Foreign Pilots with Major Schedule Airlines
as on November, 2019*

Sl. No.	Airlines	Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization (FATA) Pilots
1	2	3
1.	Alliance Air	64
2.	Blue Dart	01
3.	Go Air	64
4.	Indigo	239
5.	Spice Jet	33
6.	True Jet	21
7.	Vistara	08
8.	Star Air	06
	TOTAL	436

Growth rate for air and cargo traffic

1764. SHRI BINOY VISWAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether there has been a decline in the year-on-year growth rate for air traffic and cargo traffic in this financial year, the data for major airports across the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same and what steps have been taken to improve the growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI) : (a) Details of the passengers and air cargo handled at major Indian airports including all India airports taken together in year on year growth rate during current financial year i.e. 2019-20 (April to October) over 2018-19 (April to October) are given in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively (*See* below).

(b) The major reasons for Decline in passenger and air cargo traffic are due to closure of Jet Airways, World-wide grounding of Boeing 737 Max, global slowdown etc. The measures/steps taken to provide an impetus and growth of passengers and air cargo throughput include the following:

- (i) Due to suspension of operation of Jet Airways, there was a reduction in capacity in the domestic sectors for some time. However, to mitigate the impact of reduction in capacity, the domestic slots vacated by Jet Airways, starting from April 2019 have been allocated on *ad-hoc* basis to other Indian carriers.
- (ii) Launch of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses.
- (iii) Development of RCS Airports relating to awarded routes of RCS - UDAN wherever required, under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.
- (iv) Augmenting the capacity of the airports.
- (v) Expansion, up-gradation and creation of infrastructure for cargo with modern technology including off-airport Air Freight Stations.
- (vi) Installation of modern security and cargo handling equipments.
- (vii) Upgrading the Cargo Management System for transparent, smooth, proficient, International Air Transport Association (IATA) e-freight compliant paperless transactions.
- (viii) Business Development through transit and transshipment of air cargo, and unique air freight corridors.
- (ix) Encouragement to e-Commerce.

Statement-I*Passengers Handled at Major Indian Airports*

Sl.No.	Airport	Passengers (in nos.)					
		April to October			April to March		
		2019-20	2018-19	%	2018-19	2017-18	%
		Change			Change		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Delhi (DIAL)	39046493	40733211	-4.1	69233864	65691662	5.4
2.	Mumbai (MIAL)	26816051	28692985	-6.5	48815063	48496430	0.7
3.	Bangalore (BIAL)	19306980	18977493	1.7	33307702	26910431	23.8
4.	Chennai	13197692	13210744	-0.1	22544605	20361482	10.7
5.	Kolkata	12758674	12494951	2.1	21877350	19892524	10.0
6.	Hyderabad (GHIAL)	12772801	12236561	4.4	21403972	18156789	17.9
7.	Ahmedabad	6615783	6198113	6.7	11172468	9174425	21.8
8.	Cochin (CIAL)	5990752	5659485	5.9	10119825	10172839	-0.5
9.	Pune	4760708	5321921	-10.5	9070927	8164840	11.1
10.	Goa	4661 545	4454707	4.6	8467326	7607249	11.3
11.	Guwahati	3317910	3210970	3.3	5745628	4668053	23.1
12.	Lucknow	3225623	3191178	1.1	5532819	4752921	16.4
13.	Jaipur	2861130	3103541	-7.8	5471223	4757178	15.0
14.	Trivandrum	2334398	2725231	-14.3	4434459	4393469	0.9
15.	Bhubaneswar	2202882	2397260	-8.1	4158731	3250635	27.9
16.	Patna	2683095	2434644	10.2	4061990	3111273	30.6
17.	Calicut	1983959	1969971	0.7	3360847	3139432	7.1
18.	Indore	1633959	1725840	-5.3	3158938	2269971	39.2
19.	Coimbatore	1615004	1708451	-5.5	3000882	2403935	24.8
20.	Bagdogra	1934242	1631608	18.5	2898784	2255768	28.5
21.	Visakhapatnam	1574474	1656742	-5.0	2853390	2480379	15.0
22.	Nagpur (MIPL)	1805985	1544370	16.9	2801910	2186137	28.2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
23.	Varanasi	1670129	1 504080	11.0	2785015	2087581	33.4
24.	Srinagar	1823624	1642005	11.1	2737560	2440467	12.2
25.	Amritsar	1365978	1323836	3.2	2523794	2319955	8.8
26.	Ranchi	1476097	1284137	14.9	2254108	1778349	26.8
27.	Mangalore	1104585	1421346	-22.3	2240664	2269949	-1.3
28.	Chandigarh	1390595	1213791	14.6	2097698	2137739	-19
29.	Raipur	1215144	1160615	4.7	2028548	1628134	246
30.	Portblair	919927	938946	-2.0	1711881	1549951	10.4
31.	Trichy	967045	900833	7.4	1578831	1513273	4.3
32.	Madurai	857557	924202	-7.2	1520016	1442807	5.4
TOTAL OF MAJOR AIRPORTS		185890821	187593768	-0.9	324970818	293466027	10.7
ALL INDIAN AIRPORTS TAKEN TOGETHER		199608118	198212799	0.7	344700516	308753400	11.6

Statement-II*Freight Handled At Major Indian Airports*

Sl.No.	Airport	Freight (in MT)					
		April to October			April to March		
		2019-20	2018-19	% Change	2018-19	2017-18	% Change
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Delhi (DIAL)	579235	611243	-5.2	1042948	963032	8.3
2.	Mumbai (MIAL)	510456	565567	-9.7	963460	906321	6.3
3.	Bangalore (BIAL)	226113	235520	-4.0	386849	348403	11.0
4.	Chennai	215386	253218	-14.9	411613	417787	-1.5
5.	Kolkata	96200	95491	0.7	155232	163323	-5.0
6.	Hyderabad (GHIAL)	85782	85324	0.5	144126	134141	7.4
7.	Ahmedabad	65048	60484	7.5	101731	91633	11.0
8.	Cochin (CIAL)	47162	39451	19.5	70199	76274	-8.0
9.	Pune	22204	31744	-30.1	47392	41566	14.0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10.	Goa	3226	2770	16.5	4536	4372	3.8
11.	Guwahati	12803	13565	-5.6	23640	22345	6.7
12.	Lucknow	9408	4034	133.2	6111	6329	-3.4
13.	Jaipur	10443	10583	-1.3	18513	16304	13.5
14.	Trivandrum	16802	14205	18.3	25167	28715	-12.4
15.	Bhubaneswar	5720	5357	6.8	9670	7843	23.3
16.	Patna	7803	6888	13.3	11435	6879	66.2
17.	Calicut	17333	8523	103.4	17283	18866	-8.4
18.	Indore	6543	7252	-9.8	11729	10851	8.1
19.	Coimbatore	7456	7907	-5.7	12865	10461	23.0
20.	Bagdogra	4662	3930	18.6	6478	4986	29.9
21.	Visakhapatnam	3674	3188	15.2	3513	4847	-27.5
22.	Nagpur (MIPL)	6117	5736	6.6	9416	7854	19.9
23.	Varanasi	2206	1381	59.7	2657	1190	123.3
24.	Srinagar	5068	5062	0.1	7990	7226	10.6
25.	Amritsar	1528	1008	51.6	1378	1676	-17.8
26.	Ranchi	3598	3413	5.4	5274	4743	11.2
27.	Mangalore	1871	2264	-17.4	3287	2527	30.1
28.	Chandigarh	5558	3299	68.5	5051	5650	-10.6
29.	Raipur	3616	2778	30.2	5003	4093	22.2
30.	Port Blair	3989	3039	31.3	6158	5682	8.4
31.	Trichy	4954	3924	26.2	6950	6541	6.3
32.	Madurai	1901	3075	-38.2	4934	2485	98.6
	TOTAL OF MAJOR AIRPORTS	1993865	2101223	-5.1	3532788	3334945	5.9
	ALL INDIAN AIRPORTS TAKEN TOGETHER	2010611	2116866	-5.0	3560019	3357028	6.0

Air services from Bhagalpur

†1765. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering on any scheme to start air services from Bhagalpur to various cities of the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.