

(b) and (c) Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued regulations on requirements for flying of drones. A preliminary version of the Digital Sky platform has been launched for registration of drones. Action against terrorist/destructive activities by drones is taken by security agencies. MHA has formulated a Standard Operating Procedure for dealing with threats from sub-conventional aerial platforms in the country on 10.05.2019. Further, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), in order to strengthen the existing security mechanism, has issued National Counter Rogue Drone Guidelines on 11.09.2019 which have been uploaded on the Ministry of Civil Aviation website.

**Financial and liquidity problems in civil aviation sector**

322. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether civil aviation sector of the country is facing financial and liquidity problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof including state of financial performance of Air India and other airlines services in the country;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for above stated problems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) The high cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), the global economic slow down, low yields due to intense competition are some reasons that have contributed to the widening gap between revenue and expenses in the airline industry. As per information made available by the Scheduled Indian Carriers, the statement regarding the financial performance for the last three years is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) There is no specific scheme to provide financial assistance to loss making private airlines, as the management of the company including its finance is their internal matter.

**Statement**

*Financial performance of Scheduled Indian Carriers for financial years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19(P)*

(₹ in million)

Carrier/airline	Operating revenue			Operating expense			Operating result		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19(P)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19(P)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19(P)
<b>National Carriers</b>									
Air India	218,596.1	230,036.7	255,088.3	215,615.9	246,617.4	301,940.9	2,980.2	-16,580.7	-46,852.6
AI Express	33,299.3	36,196.8	41,649.1	27,649.9	30,725.4	37,055.6	5,649.5	5,471.4	4,593.4
Alliance Air	3,756.9	5,931.4	8,435.5	5,080.0	7,278.5	11,516.2	-1,323.1	-1,347.1	-3,080.7
(A) TOTAL (National)	255,652.3	272,164.9	305,172.9	248,345.8	284,621.3	350,512.7	7,306.6	-12,456.4	-45,339.9
<b>Private Scheduled Domestic Airlines</b>									
Jet Airways*	212,576.7	232,570.4	NA	212,070.0	239,784.5	NA	506.6	-7,214.1	NA
Jet Lite (P) Ltd.*	12,237.2	12,937.6	NA	12,369.1	13,149.8	NA	-131.9	-212.2	NA
Go Air	36,205.0	45,752.2	64,757.6	32,116.9	41,393.5	64,030.7	4,088.1	5,358.8	726.9
Spice Jet	61,912.7	77,950.9	91,132.5	58,465.9	72,735.7	93,793.6	3,446.8	5,215.3	-2,561.1
Indigo	185,805.0	230,208.9	284,967.7	168,897.0	204,442.5	289,872.0	16,908.0	25,766.4	-4,904.3
Zoom Air **	26.1	174.0	103.6	24.7	165.9	117.5	1.4	8.1	-14.0

Air Asia	9,519.4	18,011.3	25,116.4	10,922.6	19,425.7	32,145.8	-1,403.3	-1,414.4	-7,030.4
Vistara #	13,899.2	21,374.3	29,343.5	19,392.1	26,539.6	38,948.5	-5,492.9	-5,165.3	-9,004.7
Blue Dart	6,188.4	6,713.0	7,581.0	5,964.3	6,438.0	7,201.0	224.1	275.0	380.0
True Jet \$	1,261.4	1,956.8	2,681.9	2,069.1	2,808.2	2,857.6	-807.7	-851.5	-175.5
Quikjet Cargo \$\$	330.4			474.5				-144.1	
Air Deccan		629.3	47.0		754.9	336.0		-135.5	-289.0
Air Odisha		13.9	110.0		55.3	110.5		-41.5	-0.5
Star Air @			32.4			174.3			-141.9
Air Heritage @@			3.0			6.5			-3.5
(B) TOTAL (Private)	539,961.5	649,292.6	506,476.9	522,766.4	627,703.5	529,595.0	17,195.1	21,589.1	-23,117.9
GRAND TOTAL (A+B)	795,613.8	921,457.5	811,649.8	771,112.1	912,324.8	880,107.7	24,501.7	9,132.7	-68,457.8

Jet Airways & Jetlite \* Ceased Operations since 18th April 2019(Provisional Financial Statement of FY 2018-19 not submitted till date).

Zoom Air \*\*\* Operations started since February 2017.

Vistara # Operations started since January 2015.

True Jet \$ Operations started since July 2015,

Quikjet Cargo \$\$ Operation started since May 2016 and Ceased operation September 2017

Air Deccan ! Operation started since December 2017

Air Odisha !! Operation started since February 2018

Star Air @ Operations started since January 2019

Air Heritage @@ Operations started since January 2019.

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