

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha**

STARRED QUESTION NO. : 26

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd February 2021

**OPERATIONALISATION OF DOMESTIC AIR SERVICES TO
PRE-COVID LEVEL**

26. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the domestic air traffic in the country has almost been normalised?**
- (b) if so, the month-wise details of passenger traffic data, after November 2020 in relation to pre-COVID level?**
- (c) whether Government has any plan to lift the cap imposed by Government on the operation of flights? and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 26 regarding "Operationalisation of domestic air services to pre-COVID level" to be answered on 03.02.2021.

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The month wise details of passenger data on domestic sector, after November 2020 vis-a-vis pre COVID are as under:

Month	No. of Passengers	Month	No. of Passenger
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November 2020	63.54 lakhs	December 2020	73.27 lakhs
November 2019	129.47 lakhs	December 2019	130.18 lakhs

(c) & (d) Due to the outbreak of COVID 19, scheduled domestic operations were suspended w.e.f. 25.03.2020 which were subsequently resumed in a calibrated manner w.e.f. 25.05.2020. The domestic scheduled operations at present have been opened upto 80% of the Summer Schedule 2020. Further, opening up of the domestic scheduled operations is subject to prevailing COVID-19 situation, status of operations and passenger demand for air travel.