

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 975
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2021)

DECLINE IN PASSENGER AIR TRAFFIC

975. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI

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

- (a) whether the domestic air traffic has substantially gone down to 77 per cent in January and February 2021 in comparison to the same months in 2020 despite easing out the travel restrictions due to COVID-19
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor
- (c) whether the reason for low air passenger traffic is the result of lesser number of flights being operated or decrease in the number of passengers in each flight and
- (d) what action Government has taken to achieve the highest air passenger traffic at par with the data of January and February 2020?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (c) The number of passengers reported by scheduled Indian carriers for its scheduled domestic services has reduced from 1,27,47,591 in January 2020 to 77,04,022 in January 2021, i.e. registering a decline of 40%. The number of domestic passengers reduced from 1,23,31,165 in February 2020 to 77,95,243 in February 2021, i.e. registering a decline of 37%.

The air traffic considerably reduced due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Scheduled domestic operations were suspended w.e.f. 25 Apr 2020, which were subsequently resumed in a calibrated manner w.e.f. 25 May 2020.

(d) In order to achieve better air passenger traffic at par with the data of January/February 2020, domestic air services have been restarted on 25 May 2020 in a calibrated manner.
