

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATIONS OF SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES BY PRIVATE AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has given permission to several airlines for operation of scheduled air services in India and abroad during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the names of airlines;
- (c) whether the Government has also given permission to several private airlines to purchase aircraft within specified time period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether these airlines have adhered to time schedule for purchase of aircraft and if not the details alongwith the reasons and the names of those private airlines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): Following the decision to permit private scheduled carriers to operate on international routes, following private scheduled carriers have been permitted to operate on international sectors as per their requests:-

Jet Airways: Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, UK, Belgium, USA, Malaysia, Singapore

Air Sahara: Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, UK, Malaysia, Singapore.

As regards domestic sector, all scheduled operators are free to deploy capacity on any sector subject to fulfillment of route dispersal guidelines.

(c) & (d): The government has given permission to the following private airlines to purchase/import the aircraft during the period from 1.1.2004 to 31.12.2004:

| Private Airlines | A/c Type imported | Permitted to import | Actually imported |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Jet Airways | B-737 | 03 | 02 |
| Air Sahara | B-737-800 | 04 | 01 |
| Air Deccan | A-320 | 07 | 03 |
| | ATR-42 | 06 | 03 |

(e): The validity of the import permission is for one year. If the validity expires, then the airlines are required to obtain fresh approval/extension from the Government.