

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BUDGET AIRLINES .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing budget airlines in operation, airport-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce more budget airlines from all metro cities to all foreign countries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a):- At present, Air Deccan, Spicejet, Go Air and IndiGo are the private scheduled airlines, which have dynamic air fare system and basic in-flight facilities, can be called as budget airlines.

(b) and (c):- Government approves airlines as either scheduled or non-scheduled airline operator. The fare structure and facilities offered are decided by the operator according to their commercial judgement. Government decided on 29.12.2004 to allow the private scheduled carriers with continuous experience of 5 years operations in domestic sector and having a fleet size of 20 aircraft to operate on international routes except to Gulf countries of UAE, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Only two private domestic scheduled operators who fulfilled the criteria have so far been permitted to operate on international routes.