Ministry of Civil Aviation

I GROWTH IN THE SECTOR

- 998.88 lakhs passengers carried by domestic airlines during Jan- Dec 2016 as against 810.95 lakhs during the corresponding period of previous year; a growth of 23.2%
- Highest growth rate in domestic market among major economies of the world at 23%; closest China (14%)
- Huge jump in no of Aircraft for scheduled ops: 395 operational as on 1.04.2014; orders for 674 new aircraft between 2014 & 2016
 - Indigo 400
 - Go 72
 - Air India 27
 - Vistara 20
 - Spicejet- 155

II GROWTH IN THE SECTOR- AIRLINES

- Scheduled Air Operator's permit to four operators since June 2014
 - Air Vistara
 - Air Pegasus (Regional)
 - Turbo Megha Airways (Regional)
 - Air Carnival (Regional)
 - Quick Jet Cargo Airline Ltd
 - Zoom Air

Air India commenced operations to various international destinations in 2015-2016,: San Francisco, Vienna, Newark, Vienna Madrid etc. Further domestic flights were started from Bhatinda and Kanpur

III AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

- AAI operationalized new terminals at Chandigarh, Tirupati and Khajuraho with an investment of Rs 1173 crores
- Durgapur International Airport in West Bengal, with an investment of Rs. 750 crore operationalised on 18.5.2015
- New Integrated Terminal Building at Vadodra airport inaugurated on 22-10-2016 by Hon'ble Prime Minister
- Foundation stone for development of airport at Mopa, Goa with an estimated cost of Rs. 3000 cr. laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 13.11.2016
- Foundation Stone laid for ugradation of Rajahmundry Airport by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 19.09.2016
- Tender for Navi Mumbai airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 16500 crore awarded on 25.01.2017.
- BIAL has received Rs. 2150 Cr. FDI.
- New integrated terminal at Cochin airport with a estimated cost of Rs. 600 crore operationalised in March 2017.
- Trial landing at new Greenfield airport at Kannuar successfully undertaken. The project cost is Rs. 2000 crores.
- New civil terminal building inaugurated at Bhatinda on 10.12.2016
- Bhoomipujan for Adhampur airport terminal building performed on 16.12.2016
- 'In principle' approval for new airport at Dholera (Gujarat) and site clearance for new airports at Bhogapuram, Nellore, and Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh, Bhiwadi in Rajasthan and Kothagudem, Telengana granted

IV IMPROVEMENT IN EFFICIENCY

- Passenger Load factor grew from 75% in 2013- 14 to 81% in 2015-16
- Average airfares fell by 40% during the period Oct- Dec 2016 as compared to Oct- Dec 2014
- Air India made an operating profit of Rs 105 crore in 2015-16 and was EBIDTA positive by Rs 2413.29 crores
- Jet Airways, SpiceJet turned the corner at the end of 2014-15 and continue to make profit along with Indigo inspite of increase in ATF prices during the period

V REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY SCHEME

- Take flying to the masses by making it affordable and convenient
- Airfare of about Rs 2500 per passenger for a one-hour flight
- MoU's signed with 17 State Governments and in principle approval from another 12.
- Notification issued for levy of Regional Connectivity fee. Collection commenced from 1st December 2016
- Bids received for 48 routes and are under finalisation
- Revival of 50 airport to be undertaken over the next 3 years

VI PASSENGER CENTRIC STEPS

A portal 'Air Sewa' created for grievance redressal exclusively for air passengers which has all stakeholders on board, viz airlines, airports, DGCA, BCAS, CISF and Customs