

IndiGo Q2 Results: Airline posts Rs 188-crore profit vs loss a year ago

MUMBAI - InterGlobe Aviation on Friday reported strong earnings for the September 2023 quarter, as the IndiGo airline operator swung to a consolidated net profit of Rs 188 crore from a loss of Rs 1,583 crore a year ago. An ETNow poll had expected the company to post a loss of Rs 660 crore.

Consolidated revenue from operations increased by nearly 20% YoY to Rs 14,944 crore and was a tad higher than the estimated Rs 14,613 crore.

Sequentially though, the bottomline was far lower than the Rs 3,091-crore profit posted in the June quarter, while revenue declined by more than 10%, since the second quarter is typically a seasonally weak one for the sector.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and restructuring or rent costs (EBITDAR), surged to Rs 2,446 crore for the quarter, from Rs 229 crore a year ago. The operating margin subsequently expanded to 16.4% from 1.8% a year ago.

The available seat per kilometer or (ASK), improved to 35.3 billion in the last quarter, from 27.7 billion a year ago, thereby registering a growth of about 28%.

The revenue per ASK, however, was lower at Rs 4.25 from Rs 4.57 a year ago.

The passenger load factor improved to 83.3% in the quarter, from 79.2% a year ago. The yield declined by over 12% to Rs 4.44.

On a YoY basis, the aircraft fuel expenses declined by 6.4% to Rs 5,856 crore, but sequentially, it rose 12% amid the rise in crude oil prices. Aircraft fuel expenses constituted over 38% of the total expenses in the quarter.

Meanwhile, aircraft and engine rentals surged by fourfold YoY to Rs 196 crore, and airport fees and charges increased by 15% to Rs 981 crore.

The total cash on books as of September end, stood at Rs 30,666 crore, compared with Rs 19,661 crore a year ago.

The total debt on books was Rs 49,392 crore as of September end, compared with Rs 40,945 crore a year ago.

Ahead of the earnings, shares of InterGlobe Aviation ended 0.7% higher on the National Stock Exchange at Rs 2,509.20.