

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT BY INDIAN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines has decided to review its ambitious \$2-3 billion aircraft acquisition programme;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Indian Airlines had already received technical and financial bids for purchase of Airbus and Boeing aircraft;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have decided against infusing more funds in the Indian Airlines` equity base; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b) and (c): Based on the evaluation of 15 aircraft types, a task force of Indian Airlines, headed by the then Deputy Managing Director, considered and short-listed nine aircraft types manufactured by Boeing Company and Airbus Industries in the seat range of 95-175 seats for replacement and augmentation of its fleet capacity. These aircraft are B717, B737-600, B737-700, B737-800 and B737-900 of Boeing Company and A318, A319, A320 and A321 of Airbus Industrie. The final recommendations have been kept confidential in the commercial interest of the Indian Airlines and specially in view of the ongoing disinvestment process of Indian Airlines.

(d) and (e): In view of the impending disinvestment in Indian Airlines, Government is not considering infusion of more funds in Indian Airlines` equity base at present.