

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:561  
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2002  
PURCHASING OF AIRCRAFT  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines has signed a Rs.10,089 crore deal with Airbus Industries for the supply of 43 aircraft to replace its ageing fleet;
- (b) if so, whether the bid was around 10-15 per cent less than the quotation received from Boeing;
- (c) whether this is the biggest purchase made by Indian Airlines so far;
- (d) if so, the details of sources for funding the massive acquisition; and
- (e) the time by which these aircraft are likely to be obtained?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN )

(a),(b)(c),(d) and (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d) AND (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.561 FOR 6/5/2002 REGARDING PURCHASING OF AIRCRAFT.

(a) and (b): The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines in its meeting held on 27.3.2002 have approved a proposal for acquisition of 43 aircraft at a net project cost of Rs.10,089 crores. The Project Report submitted by Indian Airlines is under consideration of the Government.

(c): Since no final decision on this has been taken yet, it is not possible to comment on it at this stage.

However, the previous major purchases of aircraft by Indian Airlines were as follows :-

- 19 A-320 aircraft in the years 1989 and 1990 at the approved project cost of Rs.1238.37 crores.
- 12 A-320 aircraft in the years 1993 and 1994 at the original approved project cost of Rs.958.78 crores.

(d): When a final decision is taken, modalities of funding will be worked out.

(e): Since no decision on the purchase of aircraft has been taken yet, the question of finalisation of induction schedule of Aircraft does not arise at this stage.