

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF FLEET  
BHASKAR RAO PATIL;SHYAMA SINGH

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the utilisation of Air India`s fleet is lower than the industry average in the past few years;
- (b) if so, whether the steps taken by the Government during the past few years to increase the fleet utilisation of Air India remained ineffective;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the concrete steps proposed to be taken to improve the fleet utilisation of Air India?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN )

(a), (b), (c) and (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

(a),(b), (c) and (d) : The utilisation of A310-300 aircraft by Air India is far better than the industry average. However, the utilisation of B-747 classic aircraft is very low as these aircraft are very old and are economically unviable to operate and therefore, they are being phased out. The utilisation of B-747-400 aircraft is marginally lower than the industry average due to scheduling done on commercial basis resulting in lower average stage length and higher average ground time.