

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF VINTAGE JUMBOS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to dispose off its three vintage jumbos which are considered to be obsolete for being used for VVIP movement;
- (b) whether the Government has also decided to procure new Boeing 747-400 planes for VVIP use replacing the existing fleet;
- (c) if so, the amount likely to be realised from the sale of vintage jets;
- (d) the expenditure to be incurred in acquisition of new jets for VVIPs; and
- (e) by when the new planes are likely to be acquired by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a): The Board of Air India has approved the disposal of only one B747-200 aircraft.
- (b), (c), (d) and (e): Since the VVIP operations are now being carried out only with a B747-400 aircraft and as it is not possible to support the current pattern of operations without induction of an additional B747-400 aircraft, Air India has taken on dry-lease one more B747-400 aircraft to sustain its operations. Air India is in the process of disposing of the B747-200 aircraft and the exact amount will be realised only after the process is completed.