

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIRCRAFTS FOR NORTH-EAST SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the average age of aircraft plying on the North East Sector in the country;
- (b) the steps being taken to provide latest aircraft in zone with high turbulence; and
- (c) the time by which replacement of old aircraft is likely to be undertaken?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a) No specific aircraft as such are dedicated to operate in the North Eastern Sector. The average age of aircraft deployed by the domestic airlines is annexed.
- (b) All the aircraft operated by the airlines are capable of withstanding turbulence.
- (c) Replacement of old aircraft by the Airlines in their fleet is a continuous process. Indian Airlines has already initiated a techno-economic study, for replacement of its Boeing 737 and Airbus 300 aircraft. The Technical and Financial offers have been invited from the aircraft manufacturers by 21st August, 2000. After evaluation of the offers, a proposal will be put up to the Board of Directors of Indian Airlines for its consideration.

**ANNEXURE**

**The average age of the aircraft in the fleet of Airlines**

Name of the operator	Average age of Type of the aircraft (in years)	Average age of the aircraft
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Indian Airlines	Airbus A-300	20.17
	Airbus A-320	8.94
	Boeing-737	18.90
	Dornier DO-228	15.01

Alliance Air	Boeing-737	19
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Jet Airways	Boeing-737	3.28
	TR-72	1

Sahara Airlines	Boeing-737	8
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