

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MARKET SHARE OF INDIAN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the fleet strength of the Indian Airlines at present;
- (b) whether the Indian Airlines has been continuously losing its market share;
- (c) if so, the market share of Indian Airlines during each of the last three years alongwith the reasons for decline; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the services of Indian Airlines to compete with private airlines operating in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) At present, Indian Airlines/Alliance Air have a fleet strength of 73 aircraft comprising of 3 Airbus A300, 48 A320, 5 A319, 11 B-737, 4 ATR42 and 2 Dornier DO228.
- (b) and (c): The market share of Indian Airlines for the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 was 40.5%, 38.1% and 29.4% respectively. The decline in the market share is due to entry of new private carriers who have inducted fresh capacity in the market, induction of additional capacity by the existing players and delay in acquisition of new and latest technology aircraft by Indian Airlines.
- (d): Some of the measures taken to upgrade the services of Indian Airlines are market initiatives, product/service upgrades, inflight initiatives, fleet augmentation/renewal, improvements in cabin ambience, rebranding corporate identity etc.