

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION PLAN OF AI/ IA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Air India (AI) and Indian Airlines(IA) plan to expand their operation and to create about 4,300 more jobs as reported in `The Times of India` dated September 17, 2006 ;
- (b) If so, the details of schemes chalked out by the public sector airlines in this regard;
- (c) The time by which the said expansion plan is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) The extent to which the market share of these companies will being increased as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b),(c) and (d): In view of the acquisition of new aircraft by Air India and Indian Airlines and also to cater to the natural wastages, the national airlines are likely to induct additional manpower based on their operational requirements over the induction period and beyond. Though the airlines are expected to increase their market share because of increased capacity induction but the extent of this would depend upon the market conditions prevailing at that time.