

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3322  
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006  
MERGER OF AIR INDIA AND ALLIANCE AIR  
Panda Shri Prabodh

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

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- (a) Whether the Government proposes to merge Air India Express and Alliance Air into one entity ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) and (c): The Government has `in-principle` decided to merge Air India Limited and Indian Airlines Limited. A Consultant has already been appointed to prepare the road map for merger. One of the terms of reference for appointment of Consultant is functioning of subsidiary companies and their possible merger. Any decision regarding the merger of Air India Express and Alliance Air would be taken on receipt of final report of the Consultant.