

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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COMPOSITE PROPOSAL FOR FLEET ACQUISITION

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India is working out a composite proposal for fleet acquisition at an estimated cost of Rs.20,000 crores;
- (b) if so, whether Air India will require eighteen aircrafts for Air India Express to be launched in April 2005;
- (c) if so, whether Air India plans to operate flights to some new destinations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Air India has prepared a revised fleet plan for Air India and Air India Express which, inter-alia, includes proposal for acquisition of 18 aircraft for operations by Air India Express.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Air India and Air India Express propose to operate to several additional international destinations which include new services/points in USA, Canada, UK, Italy, Russia, Korea, China, Taiwan, Australia, Nigeria, Mauritius, South Africa and Gulf.