

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2355

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MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of airworthy planes is less than the requirement;
- (b) if so, whether there is lack of infrastructure and other facilities for maintenance, repair and overhaul of such planes;
- (c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): All the aircraft in Air India's fleet are airworthy and are made available to meet the commercial schedule. In so far as Indian Airlines is concerned, some of the Airbus A 320 are grounded due to non-availability of serviceable engines and aircraft undergoing major maintenance.

(b): No, Sir. There is no shortage of engine overhaul facilities.

(c) and (d): Do not arise.