

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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CODES USED BY AIR INDIA AND INDIAN AIRLINES  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Air India and Indian Airlines integrated last year are still using two codes AI and IA;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to operate all flights on a common code;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which a common code is likely to be introduced?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. erstwhile Air India continues to use IATA code `AI` and erstwhile Indian Airlines continues to use IATA code `IC`. Both the airlines continue to use their own legacy Passenger Service Systems (PSS) as they are not compatible and use of a common code was not possible.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. As a merged entity, it is proposed to operate all flights under a common code. Air India is currently in the process of implementing a combined new state-of-the-art PSS. All erstwhile Air India and Indian Airlines flights will be migrated to this new PSS under a common code.

(e) The PSS (and with it, the common code) are scheduled to be implemented within the next 12 months.