

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1408
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AIRCRAFT FOR HAJ PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to hire aircraft for transporting Haj Pilgrims;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there have been a number of complaints about bad conditions of aircraft meant for Haj Pilgrims;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide good quality aircrafts for Haj Pilgrims?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): There are no plans to hire aircraft for transportation of Haj pilgrims. Haj-2005 operations will be carried out by Air India, Indian Airlines and Saudi Arabian Airlines. Air India will deploy its own and dry leased aircraft for the purpose.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): The aircrafts which are used for Haj operation are required to undergo stipulated maintenance checks. They are of good quality/condition and also meet all statutory standards and conditions laid down by regulatory authorities such as the DGCA.