

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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REPLACEMENT OF OLD AND OUTDATED AIRCRAFT  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of aircraft purchased by the Government during the last three years;
- (b) whether most of the aircrafts available with the Government are outdated and needs replacement;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any policy to replace all its old and outdated aircrafts with new ones;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): National Aviation Company of India Limited(Air India) has purchased 24, 15, 27 aircraft during the last three financial years viz. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10(upto 15.02.2010) respectively.
- (b) and (c): The average age of existing Air India owned fleet is 5.6 years, which also includes 3 B747-400 aircraft of 14 years vintage and 22 A320 aircraft of 18 years vintage.
- (c) and (d): With a view to replace the old aircraft, Government had approved proposal for purchase of new 50 aircrafts by erstwhile Air India, 43 aircrafts by erstwhile Indian Airlines and 18 aircrafts by Air India Express. Air India has drawn a schedule for progressively phasing out of its old aircrafts alongwith the new inductions.