

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:597  
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2010  
NACIL FLEET  
Singh Kunwar Rewati Raman

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of different aircraft in operation and grounded in the National Carrier Fleet;
- (b) the average life span of the existing Air India Fleet;
- (c) whether a number of aircraft of Air India have outlived their utility and needs replacement;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the National Carrier proposes to replace the old aircraft by acquisition of new fleet of aircraft; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof including the investment required for the purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 597 FOR ANSWER ON 06.05.2010 TABLED BY SHRI KUNWAR REWATI RAMAN SINGH, MP REGARDING NACIL FLEET.

(a) and (b): As on 1.4.2010, NACIL has 143 operational and 32 non-operational aircraft. The present average age of NACIL's fleet is 7.1 years.

(c) and (d): There is no specified life span for aircraft. All the aircraft in NACIL's fleet are maintained to the required airworthiness standards and meet all the requirements of the regulatory authorities.

(e) and (f): Yes, Madam. Erstwhile Air India Limited and erstwhile Indian Airlines Limited had placed orders with M/s Boeing and M/s Airbus Industrie in 2005/2006 for purchase of 68 and 43 aircraft respectively at a total cost of around Rs. 45,000 crore. With the induction of new aircraft, NACIL is phasing out its old and ageing aircraft.