

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRCRAFT ON LEASE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India proposes to lease out some of its Boeing-777 in place of flying them itself;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not operating the said planes on its own by Air India;
- (d) the names of companies which have offered to take these aircrafts on lease and the rates offered by them; and
- (e) the expenditure being incurred by Air India on maintenance of the said aircraft?

Answer

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

- (a), (b) and (c): Yes, Madam. Air India is considering the option of leasing out six Boeing 777 aircraft.
- (d): The terms offered would only be known after the processing of tender.
- (e): The estimated cost of maintenance of B777-200LR and B777-300ER aircraft is Rs. 8.61 crores and Rs. 12.66 crores per aircraft per annum respectively.