

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DELAY IN DELIVERY OF BOEING AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons that Boeing is delaying its delivery of aircraft;
- (b) whether Air India is seeking US \$ 240 million as refund; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): 20 B-777 have been delivered by Boeing as per schedule, however, the reasons given by Boeing for delay in delivery of the B-787 aircraft are:

- (i) Challenges in completing assembly of the first aircraft;
- (ii) Slower production rate than previously planned;
- (iii) Mechanics strike and fastener installation work;
- (iv) Due to need for reinforcing an area within the side-of-body section of the aircraft that was discovered in June 2009 and Other issues that arise during the flight test programme.

(b) and (c): Air India has been in discussions with Boeing with regards to the issue of compensation.