

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:44
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2011
REVIVAL OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India has been incurring losses over the years whereas some of the private airlines are making profits;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the employees-aircraft ratio of Air India/NACIL vis-a-vis the industry average;
- (d) the loss incurred by Air India during 2010-11 and the total accumulated losses incurred by the company so far;
- (e) the total equity support required by Air India for its turnaround and the extent of assistance sought by the company alongwith the response of the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the rehabilitative action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e) and (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. 44 FOR ANSWER ON 03.08.2011 TABLED BY S/SHRI S.R. JEYADURAI AND SUGUMAR K. REGARDING REVIVAL OF AIR INDIA

(a) and (b): Air India has been incurring losses over the past few years and so have most other scheduled private airlines. A Group of Ministers (GOM) is looking into issues relating to Air India. The Turnaround Plan and Financial Restructuring Plan of Air India are presently being looked into by a Group of Officers appointed by GOM.

(c): The employee-aircraft ratio of Air India is 263 viz.-a-viz. around 180 of British Airways, 406 of Air Lanka, 285 of Air France-KLM, 521 of PIA, 318 of Thai Airways, 234 of Malaysian Airlines.

(d): As per provisional estimates, the loss before tax during 2010-11 is expected to be Rs. 6994 crores. The total accumulated losses of Air India as on 31st March, 2010 are Rs. 13326.86 crores.

(e) and (f): The turnaround plan submitted by Air India envisages substantial equity support. The Turnaround Plan and Financial Restructuring Plan of Air India is being examined by the Government