

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:56

ANSWERED ON:03.08.2011

PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT BY AI

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

- (a) whether inspite of its deteriorating financial conditions the Air India has purchased more than 100 aircraft from Boeing and Airbus Industries costing about Rs. 50,000 crore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any firm/agency had acted as consultants to the above deals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the broad terms and conditions in the said contracts; and
- (e) the present status of delivery of the aircraft contracted for?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 56 FOR ANSWER ON 03.08.2011 TABLED BY S/SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH MEENA AND GAJENDER SINGH RAJUKHEDI REGARDING PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT BY AI

(a) and (b): The erstwhile Air India and Indian Airlines went in for fleet acquisition in 2005/2006 placing order with M/s Boeing and M/s Airbus for 68 and 43 aircraft respectively. At the time both the Airlines had an ageing fleet profile (most of the fleet was old with an average age of 15 years and above) and thus higher maintenance costs, a higher percentage of snags and groundings. This compromised the schedule integrity and loss of market share.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): All the 43 aircraft ordered by erstwhile Indian Airlines have been delivered. Out of 68 aircraft ordered by erstwhile Air India, 38 have been delivered so far and remaining to be delivered up to 2014.