

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT BY AI

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

- (a) the number of aircrafts purchased recently by Air India alongwith the sectors and time slots where they have been employed;
- (b) whether the profit-making sectors have been given to private airlines whereas Air India is operating its aircrafts in the loss-making sectors;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Air India proposes to pullout of service from some loss-making domestic routes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of identified loss-making domestic routes and its revenue details;
- (f) whether the Government/Air India has any proposal to extend its fleet expansion programme and to start low cost carrier in the domestic sector to tap the low cost rapidly expanding market;and
- (g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a): Air India had placed orders with M/s. Boeing and M/s. Airbus Industrie for purchase of 68 and 43 aircraft respectively. Out of these, so far 38 aircraft from M/s Boeing and 43 aircraft from M/s Airbus Industrie have been received. The new aircraft have been deployed on all the major international and domestic routes.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): Do not arise.

(d) and (e): Air India regularly monitors the carriage/financial performance of its services. Air India being a network carrier generates feeds on the flights from different points on its network and profitability of any one flight is not considered in isolation of performance while deciding the commercial viability and arriving at a decision to withdraw a flight.

(f): No, Madam.

(g): Do not arise.