

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:194
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2011
LESS OCCUPANCY IN AL FLIGHTS
Ramasubbu Shri S.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Air India has operated a number of flights last year with less than one-fourth of its seating capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any steps were taken to rearrange its flight schedule, augment passenger capacity, reduce fares and also to compete with the private carriers; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)T (la), (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO-194 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2011 REGARDING LESS OCCUPANCY IN AI FLIGHTS

(a): No, Madam,

(b): Does not arise.

(c)and(d): Air India takes continuous measures to improve performance of its operations. Some of the steps taken during the recent past are replacement of old aircraft on major international and domestic routes with new aircraft, operationalization of the Delhi hub to provide convenient connection between international destinations and Indian interior source markets, introduction of non- stop service to Chicago, Toronto and New York, increase of frequency on Delhi-Paris route, increase in frequency on a number of domestic routes etc. These measures have contributed to increases of 4% and 3.3% in total passenger revenue and passenger load factor respectively.