

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF AIRCRAFT BY IA/ AI  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of new and old aircraft with Air India and Indian Airlines and the number of aircraft purchased during the last three years along with their cost;
- (b) the number of aircraft out of these received;
- (c) whether all aircraft are being used as per specified criteria;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the percentage of available number of aircraft in use?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The total number of aircraft with erstwhile Air India and Indian Airlines (including owned and leased) are 53 and 102 respectively. Out of 111 aircraft ordered by erstwhile Air India and Indian Airlines, 49 aircraft have been received as on date. The number of aircraft purchased during the last three years along with their cost is as under:

Erstwhile Air India :            25 aircraft at a cost of US\$  
1935.538 million

Erstwhile Indian Airlines:    24 aircraft at a cost of Rs.  
4738 crores.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : All the aircraft are in use, except for 5 aircraft (3 A300 and 2 DO228) which were phased out from the fleet and are grounded pending disposal.