

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DUES TOWARDS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of dues recoverable by Air India from various Central Government Ministries/Departments and other Government agencies, for journeys performed by VVIPs and officials as on date;
- (b) whether such Ministries/agencies have been unable to make outstanding payments of the Air India and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for all the Departments to clear the bills within fifteen days or in some special circumstances within a month from the date of receipt of the bills to save the Government Departments from criticism and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of such outstanding dues, Ministry/agency-wise alongwith the period since when the dues have remained pending;
- (e) the total amount recovered during each of the last three years, Ministry/agency-wise; and
- (f) the steps being taken for early recovery of the outstanding amount and the time by which these dues are likely to be recovered?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

- (a): The outstanding amount to be collected by Air India from the various Central Ministries/Departments and Government agencies as on 15.03.2012 is approximately Rs.574.67 crores.
- (b)and(c): The bills raised by Air India are processed by respective Ministries/Offices. The Ministry has requested them to expedite the payments in view of adverse financial condition of Air India.
- (d): Details are annexed.
- (e): During the last three years, Air India has received Rs.114.35 crores from Ministry of Defence, Rs.212.00 crores from Prime Minister's Office and Rs.112.98 crores from Ministry of External Affairs respectively.
- (f): The Government has been making payments to Air India after verifying their bills and as soon as funds are available in the appropriate budget heads of the respective Ministries/Offices and is pursuing the matter for realisation of due amounts.