

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BUYING AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has come up with any initiatives and policy issues to encourage industries manufacturing civilian aircraft in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of total amount spent on buying aircraft from other countries during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to make India self-sustainable in civilian aviation purchases; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) and (b): Yes madam. In the last decade, NAL has produced about twelve Hansa Trainer aircraft with financial assistance from the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Some of these aircraft are being used by flying training institutes. NAL has also undertaken a project of designing a 14 seat transport aircraft named SARAS. The aircraft is still in developmental stage. The Government has appointed a High Power Committee (HPC) to consider a proposal to design and develop a 90 seat passenger transport aircraft. The structure of the organisation as a Joint Venture between the Government and the private industry is being looked into. A committee has also been appointed to identify a possible JV partner. The proposal envisages producing these aircraft to meet the demand of airlines in India and for export. Presently, the proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c): Amount spent by Air India on purchase of aircraft from foreign countries during last three years are annexed. The data on amount spent by private airlines on purchase of aircrafts is not maintained by the Ministry.

(d) and (e): The Ministry of Civil Aviation has proposed formation of a Civil Aviation Aerospace Promotion Advisory Council (CAAPAC), which will have members from the regulatory agencies and the aerospace industry. The council will take necessary action to promote aerospace manufacturing activities, review the National Civil Aeronautics Policy, review regulatory framework and recommend medium and long-term measures for promotion of Civil Aeronautics Industry. It will help in identifying areas for development of manufacturing technology and for indigenization of aircraft parts for Indian and global markets.

ANNEXURE

The details of amount paid to M/s Boeing and Airbus Industries, year wise and aircraft wise is annexed.

M/s Boeing

Year No. of aircraft and amount
paid in USD in Million

2006-07 6XB737-800 = 240.88

2007-08 5XB777-200LR = 643.14

3XB777-300ER = 400.91

5XB737-800 = 205.41

2008-09 2XB777-300ER = 274.41

3X737-800 = 127.54

2009-10 3XB777-200LR = 410.41

4XB777-300ER = 567.43

4XB737-800 = 175.04

2010-11 3XB777-300 = 437.46

Airbus Industries

Year No. of aircraft and amount
paid in USD in million

2007-08 6XA319 = 216.00

6XA321 = 306.35

2008-09 4XA319 = 150.00

6XA321 = 314.20

2009-10 9XA319 = 343.55

7XA321 = 376.93

2XA320 = 87.15

2010-11 1XA321 = 54.65

2XA320 = 87.38