

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNICAL SNAG IN AI DREAMLINERS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air India`s Dreamliners has developed a technical snag on the first day of its operation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to take delivery of other Dreamliners without rectifying the fault;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Dreamliners are going to be operated in domestic sector only;and
- (f) if not, the details of international sectors in which these Dreamliners are likely to be operated?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL )

(a): The first Dreamliner Boeing 787 on its first day of operation on 19.09.2012 , flew on three sectors viz Delhi - Madras, Madras - Delhi and Delhi - Bangalore. While on first two sectors, it flew without any technical snag, on the third sector i.e. Delhi -Bangalore, after push back and both engine start, the aircraft returned due a snag in its Power Equipment Liquid Cooling System and Electrical Power System. On satisfactory resolution of the snag, the aircraft was dispatched for commercial services.

(b): Air India has already taken up the issue with Boeing and the Government is reviewing the various operational issues of B-787 with Air India from time to time.

(c) and (d): The snag has been reported to Boeing and as per its advice interim solution has been resorted to by Air India till modification in the aircraft`s electrical system is available in the first quarter of 2013. Since the induction of this aircraft is crucial for effective implementation of Air India`s TAP/FRP, the acquisition would continue as planned and technical issues would be resolved.

(e) and (f) : No Madam. At present, Air India has taken delivery of 03 B787 dreamliner aircraft. Operations for each of these 3 aircraft are as under:-

1st Unit - 2 domestic sectors viz. Delhi - Calcutta w daily and Delhi - Madras v v daily.

2nd Unit - 2 domestic and 1 short international sector viz. Delhi - Bangalore v v twice daily and Delhi - Dubai v v daily.

3rd Unit - 1 long international sector viz. Delhi - Frankfurt v. v. daily.

The fourth B787 is expected to be inducted in the first week of December, 2012. This unit is planned to be deployed on the Delhi-Paris-Delhi sector.