

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE FACILITIES FOR AIRCRAFT

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of in-house facilities available for repair maintenance and overhaul operations of Air India aircraft including the number of aircraft being repaired per year;
- (b) the average cost incurred on such operations during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to improve the maintenance, repair and overhauling facilities in India;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Air India has a full fledged Maintenance, Repairs and Overhauling (MRO) facility for its wide body aircraft at Mumbai, which includes Hangars and Engines, APUs, Structural, Components & Accessories repair & overhaul facilities. In addition to this, Air India also is in the process of setting up an MRO facility with Boeing at MIHAN-SEZ, Nagpur, Maharashtra. Air India has also constructed two hangars at Trivandrum for MRO of B737 aircraft. The aforesaid facilities meet MRO requirement of Air India Wide Body Group Aircraft and Air India Express Aircraft which are in their fleets at present. For its Narrow Body Aircraft, Air India has got its MRO operation in India for which it has the required maintenance set-up and qualified personnel at the four main bases viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Hyderabad and two engineering sub-bases at Chennai and Bangalore where MRO of aircraft in its fleet is carried out. The number of major checks carried out on 'Narrow Body' and 'Wide Body' aircraft during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure A.

(b): Air India has spent Rs 424.62 crores in 2009-10, Rs 325.17 crores in 2010-11 and Rs 183.65 crores in 2011-12 on in-house maintenance facility.

(c) and (d): As per the Air India's Turn Around Plan (TAP) approved by the Government, it has been decided to hive off Air India's MRO business into a separate subsidiary, namely Air India Engineering Services Limited (AIESL), which may help Air India to monetize the value of its current assets lead to improve productivity, lower costs and increase revenue from outside customers.