

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the market share of the low cost carriers in Indian skies;airline-wise;
- (b) the quantum of loss in market share suffered by Air India during the last four quarters, and;
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by Air India to change the market dynamics?;

**Answer**

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

(a) : Government does not categorise any airline as low cost. The details of market share of the Indian domestic Scheduled Carriers for October 2012 are as follows:

Airline	Market Share (Percentage)
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Air India	- 20.8
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Jet Airways	- 18.1
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Jet Lite	- 6.6
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Indigo	- 27.8
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SpiceJet	- 19.1
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Go Air	- 7.6
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(b): Air India has not lost any share in the last four quarters in the domestic market.

(c): In order to improve operating and financial performance of Air India, the Government has approved Turn Around Plan/ Financial Restructuring Plan in April 2012. Besides the plan, Air India has taken various steps which include route rationalization of erstwhile Air India and Indian Airlines routes, rationalization of certain loss making routes, phasing out of old fleet and consequential reduction of maintenance and engineering costs, return of leased aircraft at the end of their tenure or prematurely, freezing of employment in non operational areas etc.