

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether Air India proposes to drastically lower its aircraft to employees ratio;
- (b) if so, details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also true that Air India is considering to shift about 20,000 employees to ground handling and engineering services;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether by doing so, the effective strength of the parent company would come down substantially;and;
- (f) if so, the details thereof?;

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f): As on 31.01.2012, the aircraft to employee ratio in Air India was 1:237. As part of its Turn-Around -Plan (TAP) and Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP), Air India would operationalise its subsidiary companies viz Air India Engineering Service Limited (AIAESL) and Air India Air Transport Service Limited (AIATSL) and hive off its MRO and Ground handling businesses to these companies. Air India would transfer / depute around 15400 employees to these two subsidiaries, which would bring down the number of employees in Air India and improve the Aircraft : Employee ratio to 1:92.