

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2700

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GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT

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

- (a) whether many aircraft of Indian Airlines and its subsidiary Alliance Air have been grounded recently and if so, the number of aircraft so grounded;
- (b) whether many of the grounded aircraft need repairs and fitment of new spare parts apart from periodic overhauling and if so, whether the Indian Airlines and Alliance Air are in the process of purchasing spares for the grounded planes;
- (c) if not, whether this delay in procurement of spares is a deliberate act to effect savings; and;
- (d) if so, the details thereof?;

**Answer**

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

(a): The details of grounded aircraft of erstwhile Indian Airlines and Alliance Air are as under:

Erstwhile Indian Airlines

Type of aircraft    No. of Aircraft on Ground

A-319        04

A-320        02

A-321        01

Alliance Air

CRJ 700        02

ATR 42-320    04

(b): These air craft are grounded due to requirement of Engines, APUs and other components. Air India has already placed orders for the required spares for the grounded aircraft.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above