

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:264
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2013
EXPANSION OF DREAMLINER AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the performance/business of the ongoing/existing Dreamliners` service is satisfactory and commercially viable, if so, the details thereof including profits earned since the operation of the Dreamliner Aircraft;
- (b) whether the Government plans to expand the operation of Dreamliner aircraft of Air India in the domestic as well as in the international sectors in the near future and if so, the details thereof, sector-wise;
- (c) the number of Dreamliner Aircraft for which order has been placed by Air India with Boeing and the number of aircraft delivered so far and the time by which the remaining aircraft are expected to be delivered;
- (d) whether the issue of compensation which would be paid by the Boeing to the national carrier in case of grounding has been settled;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 264 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.8.2013 REGARDING EXPANSION OF DREAMLINER AIRCRAFT.

(a): Yes, Madam. The performance of the Dreamliners is satisfactory and they are commercially viable. The profitability of the Dreamliner Aircraft for the period 19 May to 30 June 2013 is as under:

Total Revenue	: Rs.11,862.27 lakhs
Surplus/(Deficit) over Variable Cost	:Rs.1808.44 lakhs
Average PLF(%)	: 70%

(b): Air India presently operates Dreamliners on the following sectors:

DOMESTIC: Delhi-Bangalore, Delhi-Kolkata and Delhi-Chennai.
INTERNATIONAL: Delhi- London, Delhi-Frankfurt, Delhi-Paris
Amritsar-Birmingham.

Air India currently does not have plans to expand operation of the Dreamliners on any other domestic route. However, flight operations by B787 between India and Australia are scheduled to commence w.e.f. 29th August, 2013. Air India is also planning flights to Rome, Milan and Moscow by the B787 in the near future.

(c): Air India has ordered for fleet of 27 B-787 aircraft, out of which 7 B-787 aircraft have been delivered till now. The delivery schedule of the balance B-787 aircraft is given below:

Year	No. of aircraft
2013	7
2014	5
2015	6
2016	2

(d) and (e): Air India has already taken up the issue of compensation with Boeing for the losses being suffered on account of grounding of B-787 aircraft and is awaiting their response to compensate Air India for the same.