

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has conducted any study regarding constant reduction in number of passengers in Air India flights during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures being taken to bail out Air India and the time by which the performance of the airlines is likely to be improved?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) No, Madam. The passengers carried on overall network by AI have consistently increased since the last 5 years. Even in the last 2 years, the number of passengers carried have increased from 13.40 million in 2011-12 to 14.05 million in 2012-13, and the PLF has increased from 67.9% in FY 2011-12, to 71.8% in FY 2012-13.

(c) To improve the operational and financial performance of Air India, the Government has approved a Turn Around Plan (TAP) and a Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) on 12th April, 2012 which includes infusion of equity in Air India spread over 10 years. Till November 2013, Government has infused Rs.12200 crores of equity. The equity infusion is against achievement of specific milestones in terms of load factors, yield and on time punctuality etc. AI performance so far against their milestones has been encouraging, and AI has become EBITDA positive in FY 2012-13.