

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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A PLANES ON LEASE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India is considering taking on lease A-320 planes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Air India expanded its fleet size although the aviation market was going through a slump; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Madam. Air India is considering to take 19 A 320 aircraft on dry lease to replace 21 old ageing Airbus aircraft currently in its fleet.

(c) and (d) No, Madam. In the year 2005-06, Government approved induction of 111 aircraft. This was done with a view to replace the aging fleet of the company so as to maintain its competitiveness in the market. Till 14th November, 2013, 91 aircraft have been received. The fleet size of AI has declined from 141 in 2008 to 131 in 2013.