

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF AEROPLANES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate facilities for maintenance, repair and overhaul of aeroplanes are available in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b) Only Line Maintenance (routine minor maintenance) facilities are available for airlines in the country. Most of the airlines outsource their major maintenance work to foreign Maintenance Repair Overhaul (MRO) Companies.

(c) In order to make Indian MROs attractive and affordable, Ministry of Civil Aviation has already taken various steps which are, inter alia, as under:

(i) Ministry of Finance has been requested to simplify the custom clearance procedure, remove custom duty on consumable and tool kits used by MROs and provide round the clock custom clearance for aircraft parts.

(ii) State Governments have been requested to reduce sales tax on aircraft parts imported by MROs.

(iii) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has announced provision of land at concessional rates for long term lease for MROs who set up facilities for higher maintenance (C&D) checks.