

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Carriers are sending their aircraft to neighbouring countries for the maintenance services of their aircraft due to high cost of services in the country;
- (b) if so, the amount of money spent by various airlines on aircraft maintenance services during the last three years and the current year, airline-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to reduce the maintenance service charges of aircraft in the country so as to save that money and create more jobs in this field; and
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Some Indian Carrier send their aircrafts to foreign countries to carry out the maintenance services in Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved maintenance organizations located abroad. However, carriers avail maintenance services from DGCA approved maintenance organizations depending upon their commercial considerations, duration for accomplishment of maintenance and lease requirements.
- (b) Ministry does not maintain such record.
- (c) & (d) Airport Authority of India (AAI) has finalized a policy for providing concession to Maintenance Repair Overhaul (MRO) in land, rental and royalty charged by them at their airports. Ministry of Civil Aviation has requested Ministry of Finance, Government of India to reduce the burden of Service tax on MRO work and state government to reduce VAT on aircraft parts to reduce overall maintenance charges of aircraft.