

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLEET STRENGTH OF AIR INDIA EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of aircraft in the fleet of Air India Express (AIE) at present;
- (b) whether AIE is considering to expand its fleet strength;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by AIE in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): At present, Air India Charter Limited (AICL) has a fleet of 17 B737-800 NG aircraft, all aircraft are owned by the Airline.
- (b) to (d): AICL has concluded a dry lease agreement for lease of 3 more B737-800 NG aircraft. These aircraft are expected to be inducted into the Airline's fleet between March and May, 2016 at a monthly lease rental of USD 357000 per aircraft. The Maintenance Reserve Contribution would be approximately USD 85000 per month based on the utilisation. AICL is in the process of leasing 5 more aircraft for induction during the year 2016-17.