

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DREAMLINERS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Dreamliners in the fleet of Air India at present;
- (b) whether Air India has grounded a number of its Dreamliner aircraft due to non-availability of spares;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issue;
- (d) the number of pending orders of Dreamliners and whether there is any delay in the delivery of the same; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the time by which these aircraft are likely to be delivered to Air India?

Answer

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

(a): Air India had ordered 27 B787 Dreamliner aircraft from Boeing. Out of 27 B787 aircraft, 19 aircraft have already been delivered and inducted in Air India's fleet.

(b) and (c): Yes, Madam. VT-ANI was on ground in Mumbai from 23rd April, 2014 to 14th February, 2015 due to various technical issue. The aircraft was offered for test flight on 15th February, 2015 and operated on Mumbai- Singapore on 16th February, 2015. Some technical reliability issues have arisen regarding these aircraft which have been taken up with Boeing. Boeing has agreed to resolve the same and provide necessary spares support.

(d) and (e): Yes, Madam. There has been a delay in delivery of B787 aircraft from the original schedule i.e. September, 2008 to December, 2011. However, delay compensation in respect of these aircraft have been made by Boeing. The delivery of the remaining 08 aircraft is scheduled as, 05 units in 2015 and 03 units in 2016.