

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Air India Fleet

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has a fleet of 66 Airbus-320 aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such planes lying in operational during the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make all the planes of Air India operational?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The average number of aircraft of Airbus A320 family fleet available during the last three years and the current year (up to October 2015) is given below:

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Year Number of Aircraft available for
operation during the year (Avg.)

2012 52.98

2013 51.13

2014 50.25

2015 51.83

(Up to Oct. 15)

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Some aircraft were not available due to various reasons like,- scheduled maintenance checks, unscheduled maintenance such as bird hit, air/ground incident/ accident, snag rectification, non-availability of spares/ engines and inspections for lease return.

(c): Air India has raised ECB of USD 300 million with Government guarantee for procurement of spares for maintenance of aircraft.