

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIRCRAFT ON LEASE  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air India is planning to acquire a number of A320 aircraft on lease as a replacement to its old aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Air India has floated any tender in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G.M. Siddeshwara)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Madam. As a replacement of its 21 A320/A319 units, Air India had published a tender for dry lease of 19 new A320 aircraft in August 2013. In view of no response to the same, tender was re-published in October 2013. Based on the bids received, Air India has signed an agreement for dry lease of 5 numbers of A320 units from China Aircraft Leasing Co. (CALC) for a period of 12 years. Further two more separate tenders were published in April, 2014 and bids received in response of the same shall be finalized in due course.