

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3511
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PURCHASE OF DREAMLINER AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Dreamliner aircraft purchased by Air India during the last three years and the current year along with the funding arrangements made for purchase of these aircrafts;
- (b) whether the delivery of some of these aircrafts has got delayed and if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken or being taken by Air India in this regard;
- (c) whether any irregularities in purchase of these Dreamliners have come to the notice of the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): The total amount spent on B 787 Dreamliner aircraft purchased from Boeing during the last 3 years i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and the current year 2014-15 is as under:

Year	No.	Units	Cost (in USD in Million)
2011-12	-	NIL	
2012-13	6		666.070
2013-14	7		796.173
2014-15	3		342.746
Total	16		1804.989

Air India has entered into a Sale and Lease Back arrangement for seven of its B 787 aircraft. Funding for the same has been arranged by way of Exim backed loans, with participation of junior lenders. The remaining aircraft have been acquired under a short term Bridge financing facility arranged by various Indian / Foreign Banks.

(b): Yes, Madam. The delivery of some of these aircrafts was delayed due to production/design and other reasons. With regard to the delayed delivery of the aircraft, with the approval of the CCEA, Air India has signed a Delay Compensation Agreement with Boeing in September, 2012.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.