

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR INDIA S FLIGHTS
Simha Shri Prathap

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India`s flights are being optimally utilised on both domestic and international routes and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the average flying hours of Air India`s flights in comparison to flights of International airlines;
and
- (c) the strategy being chalked out for full utilisation of Air India`s flights?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The aircraft utilization mainly depends upon the commercial schedule which is planned based on the inputs received from Engineering, Operations and In-flight Services Departments of Air India in respect of availability of aircraft, cockpit crew and cabin crew resources respectively and airport constraints. The available resources have been fully deployed by these Departments.

(c): Proper coordination between Engineering, Ground handler, scheduling and catering has been put in place to optimally utilise the aircraft.