

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 09.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
PURCHASE OF NEW AIRCRAFTS BY AIR INDIA .

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government proposes to procure new aircrafts, keeping in view increasing population in the country;
- (b) whether Air India and Indian Airlines are operating their flights through self-owned fleet from all the small and big airports of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total number of Government aircrafts flying in the country;
- (e) whether sufficient number of aircrafts are available in the country keeping in view the increasing population; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): No, Sir. The aircrafts are procured by the airlines.

(b)and(c) : Air India and its Subsidiary Companies are at present operating 108 owned and 27 leased aircrafts.

(d): Air India and its Subsidiary Companies have 166 aircrafts in their fleet.

(e) and (f): At present, the industry passenger load factor is 78% on the domestic network, which indicates that number of aircraft available can meet the demand of travelling public.