

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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AGING FLEET OF NARROW BODY AIRCRAFTS WITH AI

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India currently has a fleet of 62 narrow body aircrafts from the Airbus A-320 family but only 59 are operational due to lack of spares;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the airlines is also working with Airbus to extend life of 17 narrow body planes, which have hit an average age of 17.5 years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): Air India(AI) currently has a fleet of 66 A320 family aircraft, of which 58 are required and provided for winter schedule as per operational needs.

(b) and (c): The Design Service Goal has been extended, for some of the aircraft which have reached the expected service life, increase by 3500 Flying Hours from 60000 Flying Hours to 63500 Flying Hours vide M/s Airbus Service Bulletin A320-02-1009 dated 02.06.2015.
