

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th March 2017)

ACQUISITION OF DREAMLINER BY AI

1291. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite being plagued by recurring technical glitches, the national carrier Air India would complete acquisition of the 27 Dreamliners from Boeing before April and will take delivery of the 23rd B-787 in early January, 2017 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Air India will have the last batch of four more Dreamliner by the end of this fiscal year, putting an end to the process that started more than a decade ago and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Air India is procuring all the 27 Dreamliners by October, 2017 as per the contract. Air India has acquired 23 Dreamliners progressively from September, 2012 to 9th January, 2017. The Dreamliners aircraft have experienced technical reliability issues, since induction into Air India fleet. These issues, however, do not affect the safety of the airplane due to the system design and inbuilt system redundancy. Further, system improvements are incorporated as a part of reliability enhancement process and the glitches have significantly reduced.

(b) : One B787-8 aircraft will be delivered in July-17, two B-787-8 aircraft in August, 2017 and one B787-8 aircraft will be delivered in October, 2017.
