

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2752  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

**Loan for modification of aircrafts for ferrying VVIPs**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Air India has sought a loan of Rs.1100 crore for modification of two Boeing aircraft scheduled to be acquired soon for ferrying VVIPs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that these planes will be used to ferry the President, Vice President, and Prime Minister; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the cost for modification in its interior configuration is estimated to be US \$180 million?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Air India had proposed to seek a Short Term Loan of USD 180 million from Bank of Baroda which was selected by way of tender process for the modification of two B-777ER aircraft allocated for SESF VVIP operations. However, this loan was not taken as the Government of India has released the required funds/amounts from National Small Savings Funds (NSSF) account for the payment towards both procurement and modification of these 2 B777-300ER aircraft.

(c): These planes will be used for Special Extra Section Flights (SESF) of Government of India.

(d): The cost of Cabin reconfiguration is now estimated US\$132 million for 2 B777-300ER aircraft. The original estimate was around US\$180 million.

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