

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 3531  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

**Purchase of two VVIP aircrafts by AI**

3531. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of Rs.4375 crore has been given to Air India for purchasing of two aircrafts meant for VVIP travel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the justification and rationalisation for such a move when Government is proposing to disinvest Air India by June 2018; and
- (d) the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): The Government has approved Rs.4469.50 crore for purchase of two B777-300ER aircraft for Special Extra Section Flight (SESF) operations. The details are available at Annexure.

(c) & (d): The B777-300ER aircraft has been selected for SESF operations for Government after consultation with various agencies which are involved namely Ministry of Civil Aviation, Special Protection Group, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Indian Air Force and Ministry of Home Affairs. It was agreed that B777-300ER be inducted for SESF operation with some changes in the interior of the aircraft.

Air India had ordered 15 number of B777 ER aircraft in 2005 and 2 of these have been delivered in January 2018 and are earmarked for SESF operations. These 2 number of B777-300ER aircraft will be under the ownership of Government.

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## Annexure

**Details of the allocation of Rs.4469.50 crore are as follows:**

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount USD (Mill)
<b>1</b>	<b>Aircraft Cost (including 5% GST)</b>	399.00
	Aircraft 1	199.50
	Aircraft 2	199.50
<b>2</b>	<b>Modification Cost (including 5% GST)</b>	178.50
	Seats	55.44
	Modification Kit	123.06
<b>3</b>	<b>One Spare engine (including 5% GST)</b>	34.65
<b>4</b>	<b>2 Sets- SE *Box (including 5% GST)</b>	73.50
<b>Total USD</b>		<b>685.65</b>

**Total in INR (in crore)**

**4,469.50**