

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 977**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018)

**AIRCRAFTS LYING IDLE IN AIRPORT HANGERS**

977. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a good number of aircraft of Air India including that of ATR planes operated by Air India Express are lying idle in the airport hangers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether grounding of aircrafts has adversely affected Air India's operations in the country as well as globally;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government/Air India to put its aircrafts after proper servicing into operation and ensure that fund crunch does not hamper Air India's operations?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a) and (b): The total number of aircraft in Air India fleet is 123 (4 B747, 18 B777, 27 B787, 22 A319, 32 A320 and 20 A321). As on 6th December 2018, 5 Boeing fleet aircraft (two B787 and three B777) and 10 Airbus fleet aircraft (five A319 and five A320) were on ground for want of engines and spares. No ATR planes are lying idle in the airport hangars.
- (c) and (d): Because of grounding of these aircraft, Air India has not been able to add more routes and hence Air India has been constrained to re-schedule and combine some flights.
- (e): Air India's Revival Plan is focused on building a competitive and profitable airline group and comprises several major elements including a comprehensive financial package, approved by Government of India, which would help in recovery of grounded aircraft.

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