

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1603
(To be answered on the 24th November 2016)**

PURCHASE OF NEW AIRCRAFT

1603. **SHRI INNOCENT
SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL
SHRI P.K. BIJU**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total number of aircraft available in the country including the number of Boeing, Airbus and other small passenger aircraft available with the Government;
- (b) whether Air India is operating through a self-owned fleet in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether outdated and old aircraft are still being used in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to purchase new aircraft; and
- (d) whether Air India secured loans from institutions including banks for buying new passenger aircrafts, if so, the details of loans secured, institution/bank-wise and the total amount of interest paid on these loans for the last three years?

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a) Presently there are 1632 nos. of aircraft registered in Civil Aircraft Registry. This includes the number of Boeing, Airbus and other small passenger aircraft.
- (b) List of Aircraft of Air India, including its subsidiaries are attached as Annexure 'A'.
- (c) Airlines are operating aircraft till its airworthy and safe for operation. The life of an aircraft normally termed as Design Economic Life/ Design Services of the aircraft increases substantially due to high maintenance. It is reflected in type certification document issued by Aviation Regulatory Authority of State of design of aircraft.

subjected to embodiment of modifications to enhance its structural strength and increase in frequency of inspections.

These inspections include Supplementary Structural Inspections (SSI), Corrosion Prevention and Control Program (CPCP). This also results in more grounding time of the aircraft and increase in operating cost.

(d) Yes Madam, Air India Ltd has taken Aircraft Loans from various domestic as well as international banks and financial institutions such as EXIM bank, KFW Bank, ICICI Bank etc. Majority of these aircraft loans are wholly guaranteed by the Govt of India for the payment of the principal as well as interest thereon. The total bank/institution wise aircraft loans as on 31st March 2016 are given hereunder:

Name of Bank/Institution	Amount (Rs Crores)
EDC Bank	25.30
KFW Bank	3490.72
ICICI Bank	5500.00
Citibank	2518.51
Standard Chartered Bank	2043.61
JP Morgan Chase Bank	2976.49
Total	16554.63

Further, the total interest paid on Aircraft Loans during the last three years i.e 2013-14 to 2015-16 is Rs. 2907.20 crores.

Annexure A

Sl. No.	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	NO. OF AIRCRAFT	OWNED/ LEASED
01.	B747-400	05	OWNED
02.	B777-200LR	03	OWNED
03.	B777-300ER	12	OWNED
04.	B787-8	22	01 OWNED 21 LEASED
05.	B737-800	22	17 OWNED 05 LEASED
06.	A319	22	19 OWNED 03 LEASED
07.	A320	24	19 OWNED 05 LEASED
08.	A321	20	OWNED
09.	ATR-42	02	LEASED
10.	ATR-72	08	LEASED
11.	CRJ	02	LEASED

TOTAL

142

96 OWNED

46 LEASED

