

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2426
(To be answered on the 16th March 2017)**

EXPANSION OF AIR INDIA FLEET

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of planes in Air India fleet as on date;
- (b) whether Air India proposes to double its fleet by leasing 100 planes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Air India has enough resources to make the payment that needs to be made for leasing and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether 111 aircraft ordered in 2006 are yet to be delivered to Air India and if so, the details thereof and the time by which those would be delivered?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a) The details of the current fleet of Air India (AI) is given in Annexure.
 - (b) & (c): AI has undertaken a fleet replacement and expansion exercise for its single aisle A320 family aircraft. AI has 60 operational A320 family aircraft. Air India Board has approved induction of 34 A320 aircraft to replace some of the old/ageing/leased aircraft in addition to providing growth. The Board has also approved additional 10 A320 NEO aircraft to be dry leased by 2019/20. For the wide body fleet, the Board has given an in principle approval for evaluation of 5-7 B777-300ER or B787-9 for dry lease in 2019/20.
 - (d): AI plans to make Aircraft lease related payment through revenue generation from the operations of the new aircraft to be acquired on lease.
 - (e): Out of total of 111 aircraft, 104 aircraft have already been inducted. The delivery of the balance 7 aircraft viz. 4 B787s and 3 B777-300ER will be completed by March 2018. The induction schedule is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE to LSUO 2426

Air India Limited Fleet (As on MARCH 2017)

	Owned	Leased Aircraft		Total	
Aircraft type		Sale & Lease Back	Dry Lease	In the Fleet	Used for schedule
<u>Operational Fleet</u>					
<u>Wide Body</u>					
B777-200LR	3	-	-	3	3
B777-300ER	12	-	-	12	12
B747-400	3	2	-	5	5
B787-800	2	21	-	23	23
Wide Body Total	20	23	-	43	43
<u>Narrow Body</u>					
A320 *	19		7	26	18
A319	19	0	3	22	22
A321	20	0	0	20	20
Narrow Body Total	58	0	10	68	60
<u>Air India Express</u>					
B737-800	17	0	6	23	23
					-
<u>Alliance Air</u>					-
CRJ-700	0	0	0	-	-
ATR42	0	0	2	2	2
ATR72	0	0	8	8	8
Alliance Air Total	0	0	10	10	10
Total Operational Fleet	95	23	26	144	136

** Of these 19 Units, 15 are the old classic aircraft, which are being progressively phased out and grounded.*

As advised by Engineering, 7 Units have already been phased out and the 8th will be phased out by March 2017.

The grounded aircraft continue to be shown in the fleet till the aircraft get deregistered.

The phase out of the CRJ Fleet of Alliance Air was completed in Feb'17.

INDUCTION SCHEDULE OF AIRCRAFT BY AIR INDIA

Month	B777-3ER	B787-8
Jul-17		1
Aug-17		2
Oct-17		1
Jan-18	1	
Feb-18	1	
Mar-18	1	
Total	3	4