

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3584
(To be answered on the 23rd March 2017)**

INDUCTION OF AIRCRAFT INTO AIR INDIA FLEET

**3584. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA
 SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN**

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

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has signed an agreement for the dry leasing of 22 Airbus A-320 Neo aircraft for delivery starting from February, 2017;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the lease rates and the tentative due dates of delivery of the 22 aircrafts;
(d) the routes on which new planes are scheduled to fly; and
(e) whether Air India has signed a pact with the Kuwait based company for leasing 14 A-320 Neo aircraft and the delivery of these planes is to start from early next year and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Air India has signed three agreements for dry lease of total 22 A320 NEO aircrafts for a period of 12 years. Out of these, two units are already in service. 20 units will be delivered between March 2017 up to March 2019.

(c): The monthly base aircraft lease rental rates agreed with the aircraft lessors are indicated in the Aircraft Lease Agreements. Such terms are finalized after competitive global tenders and are considered commercially sensitive as these agreements are subject to Non-disclosure provisions. Therefore, such commercial terms are not disclosed as it could be used by competitors adversely. Tentative schedule for delivery of 22 aircraft is attached as Annexure-1.

(d): In addition to some of the existing routes, Air India is exploring the possibility of operating A-320 Neo aircrafts on following new routes:

1. Delhi-Bangkok-Delhi
2. Chandigarh-Bangkok-Chandigarh
3. Kolkata-Bangkok-Kolkata

(e): The initial Term Sheet for leasing of 14 A320 Neo aircraft was signed with

Alafco Aviation Lease and Finance Company KSCP, which is based in Kuwait. However, the Lease Agreements for dry leasing of 14 A320 Neo aircraft have been signed with Alafco Irish Aircraft Leasing Six Limited, which is a company incorporated under the laws of the Ireland and whose registered office is in Ireland. As per the Lease Agreements, Alafco Aviation Lease and Finance Company KSCP is the Lessor Parent as well as Manager of Alafco Irish Aircraft Leasing Six Limited. The tentative schedule for delivery of these aircraft are given in Annexure-1.

Aircraft delivery (tentative) schedule is as follows:

SN	Month	Lessor	Regn. No.	MSN
01.	FEB 17	ALAFCO	VT-EXF	7459
02.	FEB 17	CIT	VT-CID	7475
03.	MAR 17	CIT	VT-CIE	7526
04.	APR 17	ALAFCO	VT-EXG	7568
05.	APR 17	GECAS	VT-EXT	7559
06.	MAY 17	CIT	VT-CIF	7638
07.	MAY 17	GECAS	VT-EXU	7616
08.	MAY 17	GECAS	VT-EXV	7662
09.	AUG 17	ALAFCO	VT-EXH	7764
10.	SEP 17	ALAFCO	VT-EXI	7776
11.	SEP 17	CIT	VT-CIG	7800
12.	NOV 17	ALAFCO	VT-EXJ	N/A
13.	DEC 17	ALAFCO	VT-EXK	N/A
14.	DEC 17	ALAFCO	VT-EXL	N/A
15.	DEC 17	ALAFCO	VT-EXM	N/A
16.	DEC 17	CIT	VT-CIH	N/A
17.	AUG 18	ALAFCO	VT-EXN	N/A
18.	SEP 18	ALAFCO	VT-EXO	N/A
19.	NOV 18	ALAFCO	VT-EXP	N/A
20.	DEC 18	ALAFCO	VT-EXQ	N/A
21.	JAN 19	ALAFCO	VT-EXR	N/A
22.	FEB 19	ALAFCO	VT-EXS	N/A