

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 969  
(To be answered on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018)**

**Additional Aircraft with Air India**

969. **SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether despite being the Member of Star Alliance, Air India doesn't have any additional aircraft which can be used in emergency to take passengers stuck on any airport to their destination;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Air India is likely to make such arrangements and if so, the details thereof and measures taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c) : For optimum and efficient utilisation of resources, especially the high value assets like aircraft, all the airlines in the world plan to use the aircraft for the commercial operation to the maximum possible extent. Having a standby aircraft for one of such cases like handling of emergency would lead to financial burden on the airline. The same can be well attended to as and when required, by rescheduling.

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