GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 635 (To be answered on the 13th December 2018)

LOSS MAKING AIR INDIA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to improve the economic condition of loss making Air India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government would consider leasing out Air India to an Indian/foreign/joint venture operator instead of pumping in more money into the loss making national carrier; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a) & (b): The Government has prepared a Revival Plan for Air India. Air India's Revival Plan is focused on building a competitive and profitable airline group. The Revival Plan comprises several major elements including:
- (i) A comprehensive financial package, as approved by Government of India this includes transferring non-core debt and assets to a SPV;
- (ii) Higher levels of operational efficiency by strengthening management and implementing best practice business processes;
- (iii) Robust organizational and governance reforms to be implemented by an eminent Board;
- (iv) Differentiated business strategies for each of Air India's core businesses:
- (v) World-class HR practices to ensure a talented and motivated workforce; and
- (vi) Sale of non-core real estate assets and strategic disinvestment of subsidiaries such as Air India Air Transport Services Ltd.
- (c) & (d): No such proposal is under consideration by the Government at present.
