

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 662
(To be answered on the 4th February 2021)

STATUS OF AIR INDIA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

जानम विमानतल मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the steps being taken for sale of Air India and its present status thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to provide some economic package for revival of Air India; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

सागर विमानतल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) The Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) for inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) for strategic disinvestment of 100% stake of Government of India in Air India along with 100% stake in Air India Express Ltd and 50% stake in Air India SATS was issued on 27.01.2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the last date for submission of EOI was extended from to time. The Last date for submission of EOI was 14.12.2020. As per the process of the disinvestment, the Expression of Interest in response to PIM by any group or entity was to be submitted to the Transaction Advisor. Post completion of the evaluation of the EOIs received, the Transaction Advisor will directly intimate the Qualified Interested Bidders in relation to their qualification and the next steps for the proposed transaction.

(b) and (c). The Government is committed to the disinvestment of Air India. In order to effectively prepare Air India for disinvestment, the Government prepared a plan to bring operational and financial efficiency in Air India. This Plan focuses on the financial and operational efficiencies so that substantial increase in revenue or cost saving could be achieved. Also, operational and financial performance parameters and milestones as fixed by the Government are regularly being reviewed. Further, in FY 2020-21, GoI Guarantee support of Rs 964 crore has been provided to Air India which has helped them to raise new working capital loans from Indian banks. Further, Government has also extended the existing GoI Guarantee of Rs 6693 crore for working capital requirements and USD 819 million for refinancing of aircraft bridge loans. National Small Saving Fund (NSSF) loan of Rs 4500 crore has also been provided to Air India in FY 2020-21.

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