

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 970  
(To be answered on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015)**

**LEASING PLANES TO AIR INDIA**

**970.           SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Global aircraft lessors have evinced interest in leasing planes to Air India;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the proposals received by Air India in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the proposals on operational basis after paying the necessary lease rent; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Dr Mahesh Sharma)**

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**(a) & (b) : The Board of Air India has approved dry leasing of 19 A320 aircraft to replace the old/lease A320 & A319 aircraft.**

**In response to the tender exercise for dry leasing 19 A320 aircraft undertaken in October 2013, Air India has signed a lease agreement in June 2014 for dry lease of 5 A320 aircraft for a period of 12 years. 2 of the 5 A320s aircraft have already been inducted.**

**(c) & (d) : The leasing of aircraft is a commercial decision of airlines, which is taken by the management of Air India.**

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