

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 257  
(To be answered on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016)**

**OPERATION OF A320**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the average number of aircraft of Airbus A320 available for flying was just 53% in 2012 which came down to 50% in 2014;
- (b) if so the details thereof the reasons for A320 not flying even 50% of their capacity;
- (c) the extent to which the reduced operation of A320 are able to help to reduce the mounting losses of Air India;
- (d) the details of scheduled maintenance check of each of the above aircraft since 2012;
- (e) whether non-availability of spare parts is also one of the reasons for reduced flying of A320s; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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- (a) and (b): The percentage availability of A320 aircraft in Air India for the year 2012,2013 and 2014 was 80.5,80.5 and 78.3 respectively.
- (c): The A320 family aircraft in Air India are mainly operating on the domestic routes.
- (d): The details are at Annexure-A.
- (e) and (f): Spare shortage was one of the reason but Air India has arranged an External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) of US\$ 300 million for procurement of spares and maintenance of aircraft and thus the shortage in spare is considerably eased out.

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## ANNEXURE - A

S/NO.	A/C	DATE IN	DATE OUT	DAYS	REMARK
1	EPI	17-Feb-12	25-Apr-12	69	2C + Resizing of Cabin at DEL (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine)
2	ESL	18-Mar-12	28-May-12	72	2C + Resizing of Cabin at DEL (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine)
3	ESH	22-Apr-12	27-Aug-12	128	3C+6Y+12Y+20Y+Resizing of Cabin at DEL (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine)
4	ESC	14-Jun-12	16-Jul-12	33	3C+6Y+12Y+20Y+Resizing of Cabin at HYD (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine)
5	ESB	20-Jul-12	19-Aug-12	31	3C+6Y+12Y+20Y+Resizing of Cabin at HYD. (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine)
6	EPH	27-Aug-12	10-Oct-12	45	5C+Resizing of cabin + C of A inspection at Delhi (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .
7	EPC	20-Sep-12	13-Dec-12	85	5C+Resizing of cabin at Delhi (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .
8	ESJ	11-Oct-12	19-Nov-12	40	3C+6Y+12Y+20Y(Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .
9	EPG	12-Nov-12	22-Jul-13	253	5C at Delhi (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .
10	ESI	05-Dec-12	20-Feb-13	78	3C+6Y+12Y+20Y at Delhi(Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .
11	ESF	15-Dec-12	14-Mar-13	90	5C+1B+20Y at Delhi(Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .
12	ESD	16-Feb-13	22-May-13	96	3C+1B at Delhi(Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .
13	ESE	01-Jun-13	19-Nov-13	172	3C+6Y+12Y+20Y at Delhi (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .

14	EPB	26-Jul-13	17-Apr-14	266	5C at Delhi (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .
15	EPI	23-Apr-14	04-Jul-14	73	6C+2B+Corrosion Repair at Delhi (Delay in completion of "C" check was due Corrosion repair & shortage of engine)
16	ESC	27-May-14	30-Aug-14	96	4C at Delhi (Delay in completion of "C" check was due to shortage of engine) .
17	ESD	05-Jul-14	27-May-15	327	Initially withdrawn for 3A+2B inspection at Delhi, Later on corrosion was detected on LHS wing, Airbus was approached for Repair scheme, After corrosion repair, As only 1900 Hrs were left for "4C" check, therefore aircraft taken for "4C" check w.e.f 02.05.15 .Test Flown on 27.05.15(Delay in completion due to corrosion repair)
18	EPF	01-Sep-14	13-Nov-14	74	AI board decided in Feb'14 to make aircraft operationalize, Accordingly M/s. Airbus approached for TA & workscope, Final workscope obtained from Airbus on 12th August'14. Accordingly 5C+2B+6Y check complied at Delhi. Aircraft test flown on 17.10.14. Awaiting C of A renewal inspection from DGCA till 13.11.14.
19	ESL	17-Sep-14	01-May-15	227	3C+1B+6Y+12Y+20Y+Corrosion repair in RHS wing at Delhi, RDAS received on 06.03.15, (Delay in completion of "C" Check due to corrosion repair)
20	ESJ	14-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	18	4C+2B at Delhi. Test Flown on 31.10.14, Operated flight AI879 on 01.11.14
21	EPC	02-Nov-14	15-Dec-14	44	6C+2B+6Y+DSG extension of 1000 Hrs at Delhi,
22	ESB	03-Dec-14	20-Dec-14	18	4C+1B at Delhi, Test Flown on 20.12.14
23	ESF	18-Dec-14	02-Jan-15	16	4C at Delhi, Test Flown on 02.01.15
24	ESI	23-Dec-14	15-Jan-15	24	4C +1B at Delhi, Test Flown on 15.01.15
					AI board decided in Feb'14 to make aircraft

25	EPJ	16-Jan-15	13-Mar-15	57	operationalize, Accordingly M/s. Airbus approached for TA & workscope, Final workscope obtained from Airbus on 16th December'14. Accordingly 5C+2B+6Y check complied at Delhi. Aircraft test flown on 26.02.15. Awaiting C of A renewal inspection from DGCA till 13.03.15
26	EPH	27-Jan-15	Going on		6C+2B+6Y +DSG extension SB(from 61000 Hrs to 63500 Hrs), Corrosion was detected during course on inspection, Corrosion repair under progress
27	EPG	01-Apr-15	21-Apr-15	21	6C+6Y at Delhi. Test Flown on 21.04.15
28	ESE	05-Oct-15	05-Jan-16	93	Positioned to Hyderabad on 04.10.15 for "4C" check( Delay in completion of aircraft was due to corrosion repair & shortage of components)