

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to increase the capacity of Air India and Indian Airlines by augmenting and replacing the ageing fleet of AI and IA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when all formalities will be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a),(b) and (c): The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines in its 61st meeting held on 27th March, 2002 approved the proposal for acquisition of 43 aircraft comprising A-319, A-320 and A-321 from Airbus Industries during the period 2003-04 to 2007-08 at a net cost of Rs.10,089 crores. The proposal has been submitted by Indian Airlines to the Government for approval. No firm date can be indicated at present as due procedures have to be followed.

Air India also has plans to acquire new aircraft in order to phase out the older aircrafts, rationalize its fleet and expand capacity. The proposal has not been received by Government so far.