

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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ALLIANCE AIRCRAFT FOR VVIP'S
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an aircraft has been commissioned by Air Force from Alliance Airways for use by VVIPs;
- (b) if so, whether this has forced the Alliance to curtail its regular schedules causing inconvenience to its customers;
- (c) if so, Alliance is losing a committed and long-standing customer base to the private carriers as a result thereof;
- (d) if so, whether the Indian Airlines, in an effort to ease pressure on Alliance, had to operate an Airbus 320 on three new routes; and
- (e) if so, the details of the said flights?

Answer

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

- (a): One Boeing 737 aircraft has been provided on dry lease to the Indian Air Force for the period 15th June to 31st October, 2003.
- (b), (c), (d) and (e): There has been no adverse impact on Alliance Air's schedule as a consequence of this arrangement. Interchange of services from Boeing 737 to Airbus 320 and vice versa is a normal practice to meet operational and traffic requirements of Indian Airlines and Alliance Air. Alliance Air was temporarily operating three services on behalf of Indian Airlines with Boeing 737 aircraft. These services were operating on the Delhi/Ahmedabad, Delhi/Srinagar/Jammu and Delhi/Pune routes. These services have since been transferred back to the Airbus 320 network.