

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:934  
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EXPANSION OF IA  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of the fleet acquisition plan of Indian Airlines;
- (b) whether the Boeing has offered a reduction in the prices quoted earlier which was higher than the bid of Airbus Industries Consortium;
- (c) whether the guidelines issued by Central Vigilance Commission on tenders floated by public sector companies permit negotiations only with the lowest bidder;
- (d) if so, whether Indian Airlines has already cleared the proposal of Airbus; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for not accepting the revised offer of the Boeing?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The Project Report of Indian Airlines for acquisition of 43 new aircraft comprising A-319, A-320 and A-321 is under consideration of the Government.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): Yes, Sir.
- (e): The aircraft evaluation and the recommendations for the acquisition of 43 new Airbus aircraft are based on the revised financial bids received from all aircraft and engine manufactures.