

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:10  
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000  
PHASING OUT OF OLD FLEET  
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether many aircraft with the national airlines are quite old;

(b) if so, the details thereof, airlines-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to deal with this situation and the difficulties being faced by the Government in the timely replacement of old aircraft?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO.10 DATED 24.02.2000 REGARDING PHASING OUT OF OLD AIRCRAFT

(a) and (b): Air India has a fleet of 26 aircraft whose average age is as under:

Type of Aircraft No. of aircraft Average Age (Years)

B747-200	7	23.1
B747-300	2	11.3
B747-400	6	05.2
A300B4	3	17.5
A310-300	8	12.7

Total Fleet 26 14.2

Indian Airlines has a fleet of 54 aircraft whose average age is as under:

Type of Aircraft No. of aircraft Average Age (Years)

A300	9+	20.6
A320	30	08.6
B737	12	18.6
DO-228	3	14.2

Total Fleet 54 13.1

+ Excludes 2 A300B4 aircraft on dry lease presently 16.8 years and 13.8 years old. Three years lease period started in May/June

1998.

(c):- Expansion/renewal of fleet by the two airlines is a continuing exercise and depends on various factors, the more important ones being the resources of the airlines traffic requirements, suitability of the aircraft type and viability of operations of various sectors/routes.