

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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JOINING OF IA/ AI WITH STAR ALLIANCE  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Indian Airlines(IA) and Air India(AI) are planning to join Star Alliance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the joining with Star Alliance is beneficial to IA and AI; and
- (d) the details of international airlines which have joined Star Alliance?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

- (a), (b) and (c):- Both Indian Airlines and Air India have yet to take a firm decision on the choice of Alliance that they would join.
- (d): As per information available, the following airlines are the members of Star Alliance:-

Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Air Nippon Airways, Asiana Airlines, Austrian Airlines, BMI, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, Spanair, Swiss, TAP Portugal, Thai, United Airlines, US Airways, Blue-I, Croatia Airlines and Adria Airways.