

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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ACQUISITION OF PLANES BY IA/ AI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the IA and AI have taken a decision to purchase new planes or to take some planes on lease;
- (b) if so, the names of the countries from where these planes are proposed to be purchased or taken on lease;
- (c) the number of planes reached or about to reach the country;
- (d) the time by which the remaining planes are likely to be received; and
- (e) the total cost of the planes purchased/leased alongwith their annual charges?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e):- Air India has signed a purchase agreement with Boeing Company for the purchase of 68 aircraft comprising 8XB777-200LR, 15X B777-300ER and 27X B787-8 all powered with GE engines for Air India and 18 X B737-800W all powered with CFM engines for Air India Charters Limited (a subsidiary of Air India). The net project cost of 68 aircraft to be acquired by Air India is estimated to be Rs.34, 615 crores. The deliveries are scheduled over November,2006 to October, 2011. Air India Charters Limited has already taken delivery of six B737-800 aircraft.

Indian Airlines Limited has signed an agreement with Airbus Industrie and CFM International for procurement of 43 Airbus aircraft, comprising 19 A-319, 4 A-320 and 20 A 321 all fitted with CFM 56-5B engines, at an estimated cost of Rs.10,169 crores. The delivery of these aircraft is scheduled between October, 2006 to March, 2010. The first aircraft has been delivered on 19.10.2006.

Indian Airlines has also recently executed an agreement to induct 2 A330-223 aircraft on dry lease basis. The aircraft are taken on terms and conditions, which vary from Lessor to Lessor, aircraft to aircraft condition, age, airframe/engine combination, duration of lease, number of aircraft and lease market conditions etc.