

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF AIR INDIA AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of aircraft owned and hired on lease by Air India and its ancillary companies;
- (b) the details of the destinations of their flights;
- (c) the number of aircraft owned and hired on lease by Jet Airways, Kingfisher, Jet-lite, Air Deccan and Spice Jet companies and destinations of their flights;
- (d) whether the Indian and its ancillary companies are not using their aircraft optimally in comparison to other companies; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the NACIL to acquire more aircraft to compete with the private airlines?

Answer

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

- (a):National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL), into which erstwhile Air India Limited and Indian Airlines limited have merged, and its subsidiary companies have a fleet of 149 aircraft, out of which 92 are owned and 57 are leased.
- (b):NACIL and its subsidiaries connect 49 international(including 10 Code Sharing stations) and 61 domestic destinations.
- (c): The details are as under: Jet Airways - 79 leased aircraft operating to 44 domestic and 15 International destination, Kingfisher - 40 leased aircraft operating to 41 domestic destinations, Jet Lite - 25 leased aircraft operating to 26 domestic and 2 international destinations and Spice Jet -19 leased aircraft operating to 18 domestic destinations.
- (d)&(e): The aircraft utilisation of NACIL is comparable to the industry average for similar type of aircraft.NACIL has already placed an order with Boeing for 68 aircraft and with Airbus Industrie for 43 aircraft to be inducted in the fleet by 2011-12.