

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYEES AIRCRAFT RATIO
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the average number of employees of Indian Airlines and Air India for maintenance and flying of aircraft is higher than the other airlines of the world including private airlines operating in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to streamline the procedures in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c): The approximate number of Engineering employees per aircraft in Indian Airlines is 75 whereas in Air India this works out to 71.25. The ratio of employees engaged for maintenance and flying of aircraft in Indian Airlines and Air India compares favourably with the Industry average. While most of the airlines all over the world undertake maintenance jobs to a limited extent only and outsource Major Maintenance, Engine Overhaul and Component Overhaul jobs to a third party, in Air India and Indian Airlines, these activities are done completely in-house.