

ISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A decision was taken not to participate in the Asia Cup Cricket Tournament as it was feared that the safety of Indian cricketers could not be guaranteed in the context of the then prevailing law and order situation in Bangladesh. The decision was taken in the interest of the safety of Indian players.

Air crafts in Vayudoot fleet

2925. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts in Vayudoot fleet at present;

(b) whether Government propose to add few more aircrafts in its fleet; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The fleet of Vayudoot consists of the following aircraft:

Type	Number of aircraft
Dornier-228	10
HS-748	4
F-27	4

(b) and (c) A committee has been set up by Vayudoot to make an assessment of the additional aircraft capacity required and to make recommendations about the type and number of aircraft to be acquired. In addition, a few more Turbo-prop aircraft will be progressively transferred from Indian Airlines to Vayudoot.

Flights and earnings of Air India and Indian Airlines

2926. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flights undertaken by Air India and Indian Airlines during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and till January of the current financial year;

(b) what were the corresponding figures of these flights during the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85; and

(c) what is the total earnings of Air India and Indian Airlines from 1985-86 till January 1988 and earnings for years 1982-83 to 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The number of flights undertaken by Air India and Indian Airlines during the years 1982-83 to 1987-88 is as under:—

Year	Air India	Indian Airlines
1982-83	7,749	61,740
1983-84	8,101	62,544
1984-85	8,150	70,620
1985-86	8,081	75,913
1986-87	8,016	78,288
1987-88	7,411	64,984

(figures available only upto Dec. 87)

(c) The total earnings (Revenue) of Air India and Indian Airlines from 1982-83 to 1987-88 is as under:—

Year	Air India	Indian Airlines
(Rupees in crores)		
1982-83	719.93	457.44
1983-84	792.36	540.93
1984-85	854.31	621.57
1985-86	893.88	723.81
1986-87	925.46	828.70
1987-88	754.00	765.76

(figures available only upto Dec. 1987)