

Strategy for utilisation of flights

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- (a) whether it is a fact that Air India flights are not being fully utilised;
- (b) if so, the average flying hour of flight of India in comparison to international standard; and
- (c) the strategy for the full utilisation of flights available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) There is no international standard for utilisation of aircraft. The utilization of aircraft depends on a number of factors like availability of aircraft, flying crew, airport constraints and the maintenance check requirements. During March, 2013, the utilisation of different types of aircraft by Air India was as under:—

Type of aircraft	Utilisation (in hours/day)
A319	9.9
A320	8.8
A321	11.7
A330	6.3
B777-200LR	12.6
B777-300ER	12.6
B747-400	4.8
B787-800	Grounded

(c) Air India has acquired new aircraft to replace its fault prone aging aircraft and is providing adequate funds to Engineering Department to keep its fleet in fly worthy condition. It has also established Integrated Operations Control Centre and the Central Planning and Control System, which will cover Network Planning and Scheduling, Flight Operations Control (including integrated Operations Management and Hub Management) and Comprehensive crew Management System to improve its aircraft utilisation.