

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AUGMENTATION OF AIR INDIA SERVICES
N.T. SHANMUGAM

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to augment Air India flights to European countries to cope up with the heavy rush;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are aware that passengers are stranded in the various International Airports in the country for want of confirmed air tickets; and
- (d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a)and(b): Air India is scheduled to introduce a weekly service to London from Mumbai via Delhi effective 3rd May,2002. (c)and(d): In order to avoid off-loading of passengers, the Government has given a special dispensation to permit operation of extra-section flights by foreign airlines from Decemeber, 2001 to April, 2002.