

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:90
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DIVERSION OF AIRCRAFT FROM GULF TO NEW YORK ROUTE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India have decided to pull out one of its Boeing 747-400 aircraft from the profitable India-Kuwait-Jeddah and India-Riyadh routes and to divert the same to New York;
- (b) if so, whether any alternate arrangement has been made by the Air India to continue service on this profitable sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for ignoring this profitable sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a), (b) & (c) : Air India has not changed any pattern of operations on the India/Kuwait/Jeddah route and all the flights are operating with 747-400 aircraft. However, there is a change on the India/Riyadh route where the Tuesday flight is going to operate with 747-200 aircraft instead of 747-400 aircraft with effect from 03 December 2002. The 747-400 aircraft so available will operate on Tuesdays on the routing Mumbai/Paris/New York vice-versa.

(d) : Do not arise.