

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLIGHTS OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Air India has recently decided to take several international cities off its network;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Air India also proposes to reduce the number of flights to some cities in the country also; and
- (d) if so, the benefits likely to be accrued to Air India as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c): In recent months, Air India has suspended operations to heavy loss making routes such as Lahore, Seoul, Dar-E-Salaam, Los Angeles and Birmingham and has also rationalized its flights in the domestic sector.

(d): Air India's restructuring of many of its domestic and international routes and cutting down capacity by nearly 10-15% is expected to result in savings of Rs. 1200 crores per annum.