GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4450 ANSWERED ON:22.04.2010 AIR INDIA SHUT DOWN OFFICES IN PAKISTAN Balram Shri P.;Ponnam Shri Prabhakar;Shetkar Shri Suresh Kumar;Siricilla Shri Rajaiah

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has shut down its offices in Pakistan recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the losses likely to be incurred due to this?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Air India has decided to close its offices at Lahore and Karachi in Pakistan as it does not have operations to/from these stations. The tentative date fixed for winding up the offices in Pakistan is 31.05.2010.

(c): No losses are likely to be incurred by Air India due to closing of offices at Lahore and Karachi. Instead, it would save the cost being incurred on maintenance of offices at these stations.