

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:584

ANSWERED ON:06.05.2010

OVERSEAS OFFICES OF NACIL

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) which is running through a phase of financial crisis is maintaining a number of overseas offices in cities where it does not fly;

(b) if so, the details of such overseas offices;

(c) the expenditure incurred in running such overseas offices vis-a-vis the revenue generated from such stations/offices for the last ten years;

(d) whether the Government has directed the National Carrier to close down all such offices as part of the rescue operation to bail out NACIL; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 584 FOR ANSWER ON 06.05.2010 TABLED BY S/SHRI UDAY SINGH AND PARTAP SINGH BAJWA, MPs REGARDING OVERSEAS OFFICES OF NACIL.

(a) and (b): Air India has offices in 13 cities where it does not have its own flights. These are Los Angeles, Amsterdam, Milan, Vienna, Copenhagen, Zurich, Brussels, Moscow, Cairo, Tehran, Nairobi, Sydney and Chittagong. These offices have been established on account of code sharing with other airlines and for revenue generation.

(c): The annualised revenue and expenditure for 2008-09 are Rs.19847.00 lakhs and Rs.1683.46 lakhs respectively. Information for the remaining period is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e): The commercial viability of all such offices is in the process of review by Air India and appropriate action is being taken to close all offices in cities where alternative arrangements can be made to ensure revenue generation.