

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6703
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UNPROFITABLE ROUTES OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the unprofitable routes of Air India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has a proposal to set up a subsidy fund to subsidise airlines to fly on unprofitable routes; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Based on the performance analysis of three years and in view of sectors incurring cash losses, NACIL as on March 2010, has withdrawn the Amritsar-Birmingham, Delhi-Los Angeles, Mumbai-Dar E Salaam, Mumbai-Sharjah, Delhi-Seoul, Ahmedabad-Sharjah, and some other international and domestic routes. Some of them have been integrated with other flights on the network.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.