

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NEW INTERNATIONAL HUB
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India proposes to set up new international hub abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has held discussions with various countries in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the criteria fixed by the Government for identification of site for setting up of such international hub; and
- (f) the details of the facilities likely to be expected by the airlines from such country?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Frankfurt had been serving as the European hub of Air India for its international operations till 31 October, 2010. With the establishment of an integrated terminal at Delhi and the planning of a Hub and Spoke arrangement from Delhi, and operations of direct flights to international destinations from Delhi from November 2010, it was not required to continue with the Frankfurt hub.

(c): No, Madam.

(d), (e) and (f): Do not arise.