

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:483  
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CUTTING BACK OF AI FLIGHTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air India is cutting back on flights where there is demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the criteria fixed by Air India to determine high density routes;
- (d) whether there is some unwritten agreement with private airlines to give them a free hand to exploit high density routes; and
- (e) if so, the details of such agreements and understanding arrived at by Air India?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): There is no defined criteria. However, Air India decides on the basis of carriage and financial performance of its services.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): Does not arise.