

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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CANCELLATION OF AI FLIGHTS DUE TO SHORTAGE OF FUEL

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air India had to cancel its several flights recently due to shortage of fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether public sector oil companies had stopped supply of fuel to Air India;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details of loss suffered by Air India as a result thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken/being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Air India and Air India Express had to cancel 147 of its flights between 27.5.11 and 2.6.11 due to shortage of fuel.

(c) and (d): Yes, Madam. The supply of fuel was suspended by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies due to non-receipt of advance payments on daily basis from Air India. The losses suffered by Air India as a result of shortage of fuel amounted to around Rs. 10.00 crores.

(e): An understanding was arrived at with Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas in June,2011 that against the payment of Rupees Sixteen crores per day by Air India, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies will supply fuel worth rupees Seventeen crores per day for the next 90 days.