

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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CANCELLATION OF AI FLIGHTS DUE TO NON SUPPLY OF FUEL

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

- (a) the details of flights cancelled/ affected in May, 2011 as a result of refusal of the public sector oil companies to supply aviation turbine fuel to Air India and its subsidiaries alongwith the loss to the exchequer, airline-wise;
- (b) whether the fuel bill of Air India and its subsidiaries is often more than their daily earnings;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of amount outstanding against Air India and its subsidiaries due to which oil companies have implemented/propose to implement Cash and Carry model alongwith the amount so far paid, company-wise;
- (e) whether some airports have also been served notice to pay all the dues by a certain date;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, airport-wise; and
- (g) the details of measures taken to utilize the aviation fuel efficiently/avoid such situations in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

- (a): Air India and Air India Express had to cancel 147 of flights between 27.5.11 and 2.6.11 due to shortage of fuel. The losses suffered by Air India as a result of shortage of fuel amounted to around Rs. 10.00 crores.
- (b) and (c): No, Madam. The daily average revenue collection of Air India in India is approximately Rs.22 crores and its fuel uplift is worth Rs.17 crores per day.
- (d): Air India and its subsidiaries owe an amount of Rs.2300 crores to the Public Sector Oil Companies.
- (e): No, Madam.
- (f): Does not arise.
- (g): Air India has implemented the recommendations by IATA Group of Fuel Efficiency Gap Analysis. Fuel Council and Fuel Manager have also been set up for critical analysis of fuel consumption on all flights.