

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CANCELLATION WITHDRAWAL OF FLIGHT SERVICE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India has cancelled/withdrawn its daily flight service on Kochi-Doha route recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the operation of flights on this route by Air India has been found economically viable;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the loss likely to be suffered by Air India due to cancellation of this flight service;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to reinstate the above flight service; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Air India operated a daily flight service on the sector Kochi-Kozhikode-Doha- Bahrain sector. This seervice was restructured as Kozhikode-Doha-Bahrain from mid April, 2009 due to poor carriage of passengers. Effective from Winter 2009, this structured service was also withdrawn in view of continueing cash losses, poor yields and high cost o f operations. However, Air India`s subsidiary, Air India Express currently operates 3 flights/week on the sector Kochi-Kozhikode -Bahrain- Doha, 2 flights/week on Kochi-Kozhikode -Doha -Bahrain, 1 flight/week on Kochi-Thiruvananthapuram- Bahrain- Doha and Kochi-Thiruvananthapuram-Doha -Bahrain sectors.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.