

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MASS LEAVE BY PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India pilots went on mass leave in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether several flights were cancelled on that account;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to redress their grievances and to 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) and (b): Yes, Sir. From 25 October to 12 November, 2011, 12 commanders and 17 co-pilots, who were on deputation from Air India to Air India Express, reported sick.
- (c) and (d): In all, 29 Air India Express flights had to be cancelled.
- (e): Air India management has advised the pilots to refrain from taking steps that cause financial loss to the airline and inconvenience to the travelling public.