

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SERVICES OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of countries and cities from where services of Air India are available at present;
- (b) whether the Government propose to extend these services to more cities/towns;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government propose to start direct flight to America by Air India; and
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to take place?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Presently, Air India operates its international flights from the following cities:- Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Kozhikode, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Gaya, Jaipur, Varanasi, Goa, Lucknow and Tiruchirapalli.

Countries Cities

1. USA New York, New Jersey & Chicago
2. Canada Toronto
3. UK London
4. Germany Frankfurt
5. France Paris
6. Japan Tokyo & Osaka
7. Hong Kong
9. Malaysia Kuala Lumpur
10. Thailand Bangkok
11. UAE Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah
12. Kuwait
13. Bahrain
14. Qatar Doha
15. Oman Muscat
16. Saudi Arabia Jeddah, Damman & Riyadh
17. China Shanghai
18. Sri Lanka Colombo
19. Afghanistan Kabul
20. Male
21. Myanmar Yangon
22. Kenya Nairobi
23. Nepal Kathmandu

Besides the above, Air India operates through code-share to USA (Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington), Germany (Berlin, Stuttgart, Dusseldorf, Munich), Netherlands (Amsterdam), Russia (Moscow), Austria (Vienna), Denmark (Copenhagen), Norway (Oslo), Sweden (Stockholm), Turkey (Istanbul), Switzerland (Zurich), South Africa (Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town), Mauritius, Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane). In addition to the above, Air India's budget airline viz. Air India Express also operates from Mangalore, Nagpur, Pune and Srinagar to UAE (Al-Ain) and Oman (Salalah).

(b) and (c): Yes. As new aircraft purchased, come into service. However, the actual operations by the airline will be guided by its commercial judgement.

(d) and (e): Air India has commenced direct flights to USA- from Mumbai and Delhi to New York and return.