

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CANCELLED AI ROUTES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of routes of Air India cancelled during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the extent of load factor on the routes cancelled;
- (c) the reasons of cancelling these routes;
- (d) whether Air Indian Delhi-Jaipur flight has been discontinued; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Air India has withdrawn its services from 14 routes. None of these were profitable. These routes are:-

(i) Mumbai-Sharjah, (ii) Calicut-Doha-Bahrain, (iii) Mumbai-Vadodra, (iv) Kolkata- Ahmedabad Jaipur-Kolkata,(v) Hyderabad-Mumbai, (vi) Chennai-Calicut, (vii) Chennai-Mumbai-Kuwait, (viii) Hyderabad-Cochin-Coimbatore-Hyderabad, (ix) Kolkata-Hyderabad-Kolkata, (x) Bangalore-Singapore, (xi) Chennai-Coimbatore, (xii) Kochi-Agati (This was subsequently reinstated), (xiii) Mumbai-Nairobi, (xiv) Chennai-Dammam.

(b) and (c): An examination of all such routes has been conducted. Routes withdrawn were on pure route economics considerations after a process of rationalization of routes between erstwhile Air India, Indian Airlines and Air India Express. It cannot happen that three former constituents of a unified airline compete with each other. The load factor is thus not only consideration the overhaul route economics is determined by yield and revenue and not load factor.

(d) and (e): Air India had discontinued the daily link between Delhi and Jaipur from November, 2010 due to resource constrains. However, this link has been restored with daily services w.e.f. 30th October, 2011.