

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CUTTING OF FLIGHTS BY GLOBAL AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various global airlines have cut flights to India due to high airport charges, stiff taxes on jet fuel and low fares;
- (b) if so, the names and details of such airlines; and
- (c) the appropriate steps the Government proposes to take to rationalise the things and to avoid such situations in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): Air Asia had informed about suspension of its services from Mumbai and Delhi citing structural issues in the Indian Aviation market which included airport and handling costs at above airports. Restriction on VISA was cited as another reason for suspension of flights.

(c): Commencement or suspension of operation is a commercial decision of the airline. Government has set up Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) for regulation of airport charges. Further airlines have been allowed direct import of Aviation Turbine Fuel.