

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch the services of Air India in any new domestic/ international sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which the existing services are fulfilling the demands of passengers regarding seat availability and other facilities;
- (c) the total number of international routes operated by Air India and the revenue/ expenditure generated/ incurred therefrom during each of last three years till date, country-wise;
- (d) whether the Air India proposes to restructure the international route plans and to improve its operational efficiency and profitability;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION( SHRI AJIT SINGH )

(a) and (b): Air India has planned to introduce daily non-stop services between Delhi and Melbourne/Sydney with 2 out of the 7 B787 aircraft expected to be inducted in 2012-13. Air India's capacity is fully utilised on domestic as well as international sectors and offers services to its passengers at par with any domestic/foreign airline.

(c): Reply is as Annexed.

(d) to (f): Air India continuously takes measures to improve its performance. Air India has taken several measures to improve and restructure its schedules and improve its performance. Some of the significant measures are as under:-

i). All long-haul routes to north America, UK, Europe and Far East have been upgraded and are now operated with the new B777-200LR/ 300ER aircraft.

ii). Operations on the regional international routes, operation on India-Dubai/ Bangkok/ Singapore/Muscat have all been upgraded to new IFE fitted A321/320/ 319 aircraft to provide superior in-flight comforts.

iii) The utilization of all aircraft across fleet types has been progressively increased.

iv) Air India's hub operations at Delhi have been progressively strengthened to derive the greater hub benefits.

v) The international connectivity to/from major Indian metros, other than Mumbai and Delhi, have been significantly enhanced through increased number of conveniently connecting (hub and spoke) flights to attract more long-haul traffic to Air India from the gateways at Delhi and Mumbai.