

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR INDIA PROFIT/LOSS ROUTES

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

- (a) the flights/routes operated by Air India along with the ones running in profit for the period ending March, 2012;
- (b) the flights/routes operated by Air India or any of its subsidiaries which were offered/taken over by private airlines during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the revenue earned by the said airlines from each of the sectors previously operated by Air India and its subsidiaries during the above period, airline-wise, sector-wise;
- (d) the reasons for discontinuing the services of Air India and its subsidiaries from the above sectors;
- (e) the criteria used by Air India to determine the operationalisation and viability of flights; and
- (f) the number of passengers per annum in Air India in various domestic and foreign routes during the above period along with the steps taken by the Government for attracting maximum passengers and profit?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION( SHRI AJIT SINGH )

(a): Air India and its subsidiaries are operating flights on 68 international sectors and flights on 122 domestic sectors. Out of these routes Air India is meeting cash costs on 11 international sectors and 46 domestic sectors. (b): Air India has not offered/transferred any of its route to private airlines.

(c) and (d): Do not arise.

(e): Air India periodically monitors the carriage/load factors/ Financial performance of services on its network and makes efforts to improve performance. Air India also analyses the reasons for the losses and based on the strategic importance of such services to its network arrives at a decision whether to continue or withdraw such services. While determining the desirability or otherwise of discontinuing operations of loss making services Air India takes into account the revenue contributions made by the subject services to its other services by way of feeder traffic. As such non-profitability of any one flight is not taken in isolation as the sole barometer of its financial performance.

(f): During the period April, 2011 to March, 2012, Air India had carried 8.02 million and 5.59 million passengers on its domestic and international sectors respectively. Some of the steps taken by Air India to attract the passengers and improve its services are as under:-

- (i) induction of brand new aircraft on several domestic & international routes to increase passengers appeal;
- (ii) All the major domestic and international routes are operated with newly acquired aircrafts.
- (iii) The timings of international services have been rationalized.
- (iv) Multiple daily services are offered on all major domestic routes.
- (v) Non-stop services have been introduced on various India-USA routes.
- (vi) Hub & spoke services at Delhi and Mumbai for passengers originating at other metro cities.