

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:330
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2013
RESCHEDULING DISCONTINUATION OF AI FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether instances of rescheduling/withdrawal;discontinuation of flights have come to the notice of the Government;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during each of the last three years and the current year, flight-wise;
 - (c) whether the Government will consider resumption of such flights/starting of new flights in their place; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRi AJIT SINGH)

(a), (b)s (c) and (d) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

REPLY TO PARTs .(a), (b), (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NQ.330 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03,2013 REGARDING RESCHEIDULING/DISCONTINUATION OF AI FLIGHTS.

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b), (c) and (d): As per industry practice, Air India announces its schedule of operations twice in a year (summer schedule and winter schedule) effective last Saturday of March and October every year. This schedule is planned on the basis of historic schedule and the current resources available in terms of aircraft, crew etc. Air India is constrained to make changes to its planned schedule due to change in availability of number and type of aircraft, weather conditions at the origin or destination and prevailing load factor etc. Due to continuing losses, Air India has discontinued/rescheduled operations on 17 of its routes (12 International routes and 05 Domestic routes) in the last 3 years and present year. Year-wise details of such routes are as under -

Period NO of Routes

2010	08
2011	01
2012	07
2013	01
Total	17

Details of routes discontinued/ rescheduled, along with reasons for withdrawal are given at the Annexure. Air India monitors its flights perform.ance on daily basis and adjusts its operations in accordance with the available resources and market demand. The restoration of flights depends upon availability of resources and commercial viability. However, AI currently does not have plans to restore operations on any loss making route.