

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

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

- (a) the details of the routes, domestic and international, being operated by Air India at present;
- (b) the total number of routes incurring losses out of the total routes in operation and the routes which are not able to meet fuel costs, cash costs and total costs;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to cut down loss-making routes;
- (d) if so, whether the said routes are likely to be thrown to private airlines and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to turn them into profitable routes?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a): The details of the domestic and international routes, being operated by Air India are at Annexure-I and II

(b): Route economics of Air India's performance is as under:-

Loss making Routes 188

Routes not meeting Fuel Cost 12

Routes not meeting Cash Cost 74

Routes not meeting Total Cost 102

(c): As per approved Turn Around Plan and Financial Restructuring Plan, Air India is taking steps for complete route rationalization, thereby eliminating / rescheduling / revamping route network involving loss making routes.

(d): As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government and depending , the traffic demand and commercial viability. So far as international routes concerned there is no proposal to offer the same to the private airlines.

(e):Some of the steps taken by Air India are as follows:

- i). Induction of new fleet, equipped with standardized in-flight comfort and facilities,
- ii) Change of equipment
- iii). Rationalisation of the times of international services.
- iv) Fuel Efficiency & Gap Analysis resulting in substantial savings on fuel.
- v). Elimination of route network involving parallel operations.
- vi). Rationalization of certain loss making routes,
- vii) Seeking more discount on ATF from oil marketing companies.