

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3155
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FLIGHT FROM KOLKATA TO SILCHAR
Purkayastha Shri Kabindra

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a flight of Air India from Kolkata to Silchar everyday at 5.40 a.m.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to change the timings of this flight as it is very inconvenient to passengers due to its very early morning departure?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : The schedule departure time of AI-9705 of Alliance Air on Kolkata/Silchar route is 0550 hrs. daily. Due to limited fleet and the need to operate maximum number of flights with the same aircraft departure of the Kolkata/Silchar flight is scheduled in the morning. Any delay in the departure time might result in cancellation of further scheduled operations due to sunset limitations in the northeast region.

In addition, Air India also operates 4 flights/week with A319 and A320 aircraft from Kolkata to Silchar on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1300 hrs., and on Fridays and Sundays at 1335 hrs.