

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1339
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2013
HEADQUARTER OF AIR INDIA AT KOCHI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from the State Government of Kerala seeking the independent functioning of a full-fledged headquarters of Air India Express at Kochi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) and(b): No, Madam. However, Air India Express headquarters has partially started functioning out of Kochi. Deputy Chief of Operations, Deputy Chief of Flight Safety, Marketing Manager and Customers Relations Manager have been appointed at Kochi. Further, a help desk has been set up at Kochi manned by 3 officers since January, 2013. Besides, action has been initiated to appoint a CEO who will function from Kochi. Recruitment exercise to fill up, various posts is in the final stage and staff/officers will be inducted shortly. As a part of the expansion plan, properties have been shortlisted for office accommodation so as to house the entire workforce at one place.