

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR INDIA S FLIGHTS ON KERALA GULF SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the flights being operated by Air India on Kerala-Gulf sector;
- (b) the details of Air India`s flights to this sector cancelled/delayed during the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Air India to avoid frequent cancellations and delays in flights on Kerala-Gulf sector?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) : Air India operates 38 flights/week from Kozhikode, Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram to UAE and Saudi Arabia in Middle East and offers 8500 seats/week from Kerala to Middle East.

(b) : Air India has withdrawn the following flights on Kerala Gulf sector over the last three years:

(i) : Kozhikode-Dammam and vice versa 2 flights/week
(withdrawn effective Winter 12)

(ii) : Trivandrum -Kochi - Dammam & v \ 3 flights /week
(withdrawn effective Winter 12) The above flights were
withdrawn as part of route rationalisation with Air India
Express which increased its operations ex-Kerala to
Dammam.

(c): Air India has maintained its schedule of 38 flights / week from Kerala to Middle East, and has not withdrawn/ cancelled any service. However, there may have been delays/ cancellations due to technical/ weather reasons.

Air India makes all efforts to ensure operation of all flights on schedule.