

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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ROUTE EXPANSION PLAN OF AIR INDIA EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India Express (AIE) proposes to undertake its ambitious route expansion plan for major Asian air-travel markets beyond the Middle East;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether AIE is considering to induct a number of aircrafts in its fleet of operation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

(a) and (b): No, Madam.

(c) and (d): The Board of Air India Charters Limited has approved leasing of up to 8 number of B737 type of aircrafts over the current and next Financial Year for induction in its fleet.