

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3477
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HEADQUARTERS OF AIR INDIA EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the headquarters of Air India Express (AIE) has been shifted to Kochi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay in shifting AIE headquarters to Kochi along with the time by which its headquarters is likely to be shifted to Kochi?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b): Headquarters of Air India Express has been shifted to Kochi. As a large majority of Air India Express flights are operated from bases in South India such as Calicut, Mangalore, Trivandrum, Cochin, Trichy, this shall ensure proximity of senior level Management of the Airline to its predominant markets in India.

(c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.