

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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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 Express (AIE) on domestic and international routes;
- (b) whether AIE has discontinued its flights on certain domestic and international routes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) the total revenue earned by AIE from the passengers and cargo flights during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure full aircraft utilisation of AIE fleet and also operation of its flights to all the States?

Answer

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

- (a): Details of flights being operated by Air India Express (AIE) on domestic and international routes is Annexed.
- (b) and (c): Yes, Madam. During the first quarter of 2014, four leased aircraft were grounded due to the expiry of their lease. As a result the following loss making routes were discontinued:
 - (i) Thrice weekly Kochi-Mangalore-Kuwait vice-versa
 - (ii) Twice weekly flight to Salalah from Trivandrum and Kochi has been reduced to one flight a week.
 - (iii) Daily Chennai-Colombo vice-versa has been discontinued.
 - (iv) Daily Chennai-Mumbai-Chennai has been reduced to 4 flights per week.
- (d): Revenue earned from the passengers and cargo during the last three years and current year is given below:

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Passengers Revenue	Cargo Revenue
2011-12	1773.12	19.26
2012-13	1748.17	7.56
2013-14	2251.99	7.50
Apr.14-Jun. 14 (provisional fig.)	696.75	1.87

- (e): Aircraft utilization per day per aircraft of Air India Express has improved from 8.6 hours in Summer 2013 to 9.36 hours in Winter 2013 and further to 10.6 hours in Summer 2014.

Over years Air India Express has expanded its network and in addition to the cities of Southern States, is flying from Mumbai, Jaipur, Lucknow and Pune also.