

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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DISCONTINUATION RESCHEDULING OF AIR INDIA FLIGHTS

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Air India flights discontinued/rescheduled during the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefore;
- (b) whether Air India has decided to discontinue its only tri-weekly Ludhiana-Delhi flight and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Government of Punjab on run flights between New Delhi and Amritsar as well as between New Delhi and Jammu via Ludhiana; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Air India has withdrawn / restructured certain flights which have not been able to recover the ATF costs/Variable cost of operations. The details of flights withdrawn/ restructured by Air India during the last three years and current year are enclosed at Annexure A.
- (b) : Alliance Air (a wholly subsidiary of Air India) has withdrawn its thrice weekly ATR flight Delhi/Ludhiana/Delhi effective 01st June 2014 due to persistent losses incurred on this route.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. A meeting was held in the Ministry with the officials from Punjab Government and airlines on 26.06.2014 to resolve the issue concerning connectivity to Punjab and Airlines have been requested to explore the possibility of connecting these places.