

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:12
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AIR SERVICES ON KERALA MIDDLE EAST ROUTE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India Express has curtailed its services on Kerala Middle-East route recently;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaint in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. Air India Express has curtailed its services to Middle East during the first quarter of 2014.
- (b): Due to expiry of lease of four aircraft, some loss making flights on Kochi- Mangalore-Kuwait and Salaih- Trivendrum sector have been curtailed and in place of these, flights, passengers from Kochi have been provided connectivity to Kuwait via Kozhikode and back.
- (c): Yes, Madam. Requests have been received regarding increase in services and frequency of flights.
- (d): These requests have been considered and dealt with keeping in view the feasibility and commercial viability of operating such flights by Air India Express.