

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR INDIA #39; \$ FLIGHTS TO MOSCOW
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of passenger traffic carried by Air India in each of its flights to/from Moscow in the last six months;
- (b) whether Aeroflot which operates on the same sector flies full whereas Air India flies with miniscule passengers and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Air India and Aeroflot have engaged the same agent in Moscow who is instrumental in diversion of passengers to other air- lines; and
- (d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr. Mahesh Sharma)

(a) and (b): Air India started flights to Moscow w.e.f 18th July, 2014. The details of passengers carried by AI till November, 2014 are Annexed.

The passengers carried by Aeroflot in the same period are also Annexed. Aeroflot has carried more passengers than AI in the same period.

(c) and (d): Air India does not have any General Sales Agent (GSA) for Moscow and operates through IATA Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP) of IATA accredited agents who work on non-exclusive basis.