

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR INDIA FLIGHTS FROM THIRUVANANTHAPURAM  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air-India has suspended 17 international flights from Thiruvananthapuram ever since the Nedumbassery Airport commenced operation;
- (b) if so, the number of flights that have been reinstated for operation from Thiruvananthapuram International Airport; and
- (c) the number of new flights that has been sanctioned since then?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

(a): Consequent to the commissioning of the Nedumbassery airport and based on market survey of the traffic flow from Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram following flights operating Ex/Via Thiruvananthapuram were cancelled and re-routed to operate via Kochi instead of Thiruvananthapuram:

- (i) Dammam/Thiruvananthapuram (2 Flights) to Dammam/Kochi/Dammam (2 Flights),
- (ii) Abu Dhabi/ Thiruvananthapuram/Abu Dhabi/Dubai to Abu Dhabi/Kochi/Abudhabi/Dubai,
- (iii) Thiruvananthapuram/Doha/Baharin/Thiruvananthapuram to Kochi/Doha/Bahrain/Kochi,
- (iv) Thiruvananthapuram/Dubai/Thiruvananthapuram to Kochi/Dubai,
- (v) Muscat/Thiruvananthapuram/Muscat to Muscat/Kochi/Muscat.

Presently, Air India is operating direct flights between Thiruvananthapuram and Abu Dabhi, Al-Ain, Dammam, Dubai, Kuwait, Muscat and Riyadh.

- (b) & (c) The pattern of operations Ex Thiruvananthapuram to the following destinations have been restructured and is as follows:

Flights per week

1 Dubai	5
2 Abu Dhabi/Muscat	3
3 Muscat	1
4 Al-Ain	1
5 Dammam	1
6 Riyadh	4
7 Kuwait	1