

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the objectives of setting up of Air India Express have been achieved;
- (b) if not, the steps taken by the Government to achieve the objectives thereof; and
- (c) the details of the fleet strength of AI Express at present?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Air India Express was introduced primarily to cater to the price sensitive markets and also to take advantage of being the first mover before the entry of other low cost carriers into the Indian Market. Air India Express has been received favourably by the travelling public and has achieved a seat factor of 80% approx. during the previous financial year.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Air India Express, presently, has a fleet of 5 aircraft.