

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATIONS OF AIR INDIA EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of countries to which Air India Express is operating its flights;
- (b) whether the Air India Express is awaiting for approval from many countries to operate its flights;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Air India Express and Alliance Air are proposed to be merged into a single company; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Air India Express is operating its flights to United Arab Emirates, Oman, Doha, Bahrain, Sri Lanka and Singapore.

(b) and (c): Air India Express intends to commence operations shortly to/from Dhaka and Kuala Lumpur, for which bilateral rights are available and Air India Express has been designated for operations. The procedural formalities required are to be completed by Air India Express before commencing the operations.

(d) and (e): Air India Express and Alliance Air are operated by the subsidiary companies of Air India and Indian Airlines respectively. Air India Express is planning to commence domestic operations in addition to the international operations. A decision has already been taken by the Government to merge Air India and Indian Airlines into a new company.