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Title: Need to shift the corporate office of Air India Express to Kochi from Mumbai.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMATHITTA): I request the Government to shift the corporate office of Air India Express to Kochi. Even though the corporate office of Air India Express was inaugurated in Kochi and functioned there for six months, it was shifted to Mumbai. Therefore, all the key activities including scheduling, licensing and route rationalizing are being done in Mumbai. It is to be noted that about 70 per cent of Air India Express services are in the Kerala-Gulf sector. This adversely affects smooth functioning of Air India Express. I also take this opportunity to submit that Keralites, who work in Gulf countries, are depending on low cost Air India Express. Functioning of corporate office in Kochi would be a great relief to them. Head office in Kochi will also be helpful in managing the operations of Air India Express.