

come out with their grievances and issues. The issues brought out in Open House Sessions are dealt with in time-bound manner. A Committee has been constituted comprising of Director (Personnel), Director (SBU) and E.D. (Personnel) to examine the cases of terminated pilots. Besides there is continuous flow of information to them through email including processing of their feedback. There is also an effort by Air India to ensure regular payment of dues of employees.

Shifting of Air India Express headquarter

1098. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the airports in India from where Air India Express flights operate, along with their frequencies;
- (b) whether the headquarter of Air India Express is located in Kochi;
- (c) if not, whether the Ministry is considering to shift the headquarter to Kochi;
- (d) whether it is a fact that all operational and commercial activities of Air India Express Airlines take place from Mumbai;
- (e) if so, whether the Ministry is considering to shift such responsibilities also to Kochi; and
- (f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) The airports in India from where Air India Express flights operate along with their frequencies are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Activities of Air India Express pertaining to Operations and Commercial are being handled at all stations. Engineering Hanger has been constructed at Trivandrum and major checks are being done out of Mumbai and Trivandrum.

(e) and (f) Various activities of Air India Express are being shifted to Kochi in a phased manner. Air India Express Headquarter at Kochi is expected to be fully operational with effect from 1st January, 2013.

Statement

Air India Express flights

From/To	Departure/Week	From/To	Departure/Week
1	2	3	4
Amritsar		Trivandrum	1
Dubai	7		
		Lucknow	
Bangalore		Dubai	7
Mangalore	4		
		Mangalore	
Chennai		Abu Dhabi/Muscat	3
Colombo	7	Bangalore	4
Kuala Lumpur	4	Bharain	2
Mumbai	7	Doha	2
Trichy/Singapore	7	Dubai	14
Trivandrum	1	Kuwait	3
		Mumbai	4
Cochin			
Abu Dhabi	7	Mumbai	
Kozhikode/Doha/ Bahrain	7	Chennai	7
Dubai	7	Cochin	7
Mumbai	7	Doha	3
Muscat	3	Pune/Dubai	3
Salalah	1	Kozhikode	3
Sharjah	7	Mangalore	4

1	2	3	4
Trivandrum	1	Trivandrum	7
Jaipur		Pune	
Dubai	4	Dubai	3
		Mumbai	3
Kozhikode			
Abu Dhabi	7	Trichy	
AI Ain	1	Chennai	7
Doha/Bahrain	7	Dubai	7
Dubai	7	Singapore	7
Kochi	7		
Kuwait	3	Trivandrum	
Mumbai	3	Abu Dhabi	7
Muscat	7	Chennai	1
Salalah	2	Dubai	7
Sharjah	7	Kochi	1
Dammam	7	Kozhikode	1

Air worthiness of Naini-Saini airport, Pithoragarh

†1099. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naini-Saini airport situated in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand is not air worthy;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay by the Ministry in removing the problems being faced in flight operation from this airport;

(c) if it is air worthy, the reasons for not operating flights from this airport;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.