

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2984
(To be answered on the 11th July 2019)**

INCREASE IN OPERATIONAL CHARGES OF AIR INDIA

2984. SHRI ANTO ANTONY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Air India's operational charges have increased due to closure of air space over Pakistan in the aftermath of the Balakot airstrike;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of flights affected from US, Europe and Southeast Asia; and
(c) whether the Government has any record regarding excess expenditure/loss incurred by Air India for carrying out its flight operations to US and Europe due to the above reason and if so, the details thereof, month and sector-wise?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र पक्ष)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Cost of operations of Air India due to Pakistan airspace closure has increased. The sector wise details of extra cost due to Pakistan airspace closure in view of operation to US, Europe and Middle East by Air India are attached as Annexure. There is no impact on operations of Air India to South East Asia due to Pakistan airspace closure .

Extra Cost / Losses due to Pakistan Air Space Closure

<u>Region wise Losses:</u>			
Region	Average per Month Extra Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Average Per Day Extra Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	
Middle East& Africa	1201.39	40.0	
United Kingdom& European Union	6034.67	201.16	
United States of America& Canada	4633.91	154.46	
Grand Total	11869.97	395.62	
	118.7 Crore	3.96 Crore	
Additional Cost per day -	3.96 Crore		
Additional Cost Month on Month	No of days	Total Additional Cost (Rs. in Crore)	
Mar-19	31		122.7
Apr-19	30		118.7
May-19	31		122.7
Jun-19	30		118.7
Jul-19	2		7.9
Grand Total:			490.6