

Memorandum of Understanding

The delegations representing the Government of India and the Government of the UAE met in New Delhi on the 6th & 7th of December 2005, to discuss matters relating to air services between India and Dubai. The discussions were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. A list of the two delegations is given at Annexure I.

2. After discussions, the two delegations agreed as follows:

- (i) Thiruvananthapuram and Bangalore are granted as additional points of call in India for Emirates Airline of Dubai, one of the designated airlines of the UAE, as given below:

<u>Point of Call</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Thiruvananthapuram	Immediately
Bangalore	Winter 2006

- (ii) Emirates Airline is entitled to operate a total of upto 8,000 seats per week in each direction, in addition to its existing entitlement of 10,400 seats per week in each direction, as follows:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>For operations to</u>	<u>Seats per week in each direction upto</u>
Immediately	Thiruvananthapuram	2,000
Immediately	Chennai	1,050
Immediately	Kochi	850
Summer 2006	Kolkata	2,000
Winter 2006	Bangalore	2,100
	Total	8,000

- (iii) Out of their overall entitlement of 18,400 weekly seats, Emirates Airline shall deploy upto 2,107 weekly seats on the Dubai – Chennai v.v. route only and upto 2,035 weekly seats on the Dubai – Kochi v.v. route only.
- (iv) Reciprocally, the designated airlines of India combined are entitled to operate 8,000 seats per week in each direction, in addition to their existing entitlements of 10,400 seats per week in each direction, to/through Dubai, as follows:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Seats per week in each direction</u>
Immediately	3,900
Summer 2006	2,000
Winter 2006	2,100
Total	8,000

- (v) In order to provide operational flexibility to the designated airlines in the deployment of equipment, each side is allowed an adjustment of up to 1 % of its total agreed seat capacity entitlement.
- (vi) The designated airlines of India shall be permitted to exercise 5th freedom traffic rights beyond Dubai to Cairo, Teheran, Johannesburg, Durban, Nairobi and Lagos, in addition to points in Europe, UK and USA.
- (vii) The additional entitlement of 8,000 seats per week and traffic rights exchanged as above shall not be subject to any mandated commercial arrangements.
- (viii) The Air India/Emirates Airline Pool Agreement shall cover the operations of Emirates Airline only upto a maximum of 8,158 weekly seats to Mumbai, Delhi and Hyderabad combined and the operations of Air India and Air India Express combined only upto a maximum of 7,862 weekly seats to Dubai. Further, till terminated in accordance with para (x) below, the Pool Agreement shall continue on its existing terms and conditions, but shall include the operations of Air India Express, effective from 29 April 2005.


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- (ix) The Air India/Emirates Airline Code Share Agreements shall cover the operations of Emirates Airline only upto a maximum of 1,057 weekly seats to Chennai and 1,185 weekly seats to Kochi.
- (x) The mandated requirement for the existing Pool and Code Share Agreements between Air India and Emirates Airline will cease effective 01 January 2010.
3. It was noted that the designated airlines of both sides were fully utilizing the existing entitlement of 10,400 seats per week, which includes 1,000 seats exchanged in 2002-03 for a temporary period of 2 years, as stipulated by the Government of India for Emirates Airline's operations to Kochi and the operation of the Indian carriers to/through Dubai. It was agreed that these 1,000 weekly seats now stand formalized.
4. The UAE delegation expressed concern regarding the seat prices applicable under the Air India/Emirates Airline Code Share Agreements, in the context of the increase in operating costs (particularly fuel costs). The Indian side agreed that this issue would be discussed between the two airlines by end February 2006
5. This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force with immediate effect.

Signed in New Delhi on 07 December 2005.

**For the Government of
the Republic of India**


Satendra Singh

**For the Government of
the UAE**


Mohamed Yahya Al Suweidi

List of Indian Delegation

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| 1. | Mr. Satendra Singh
Director General of Civil Aviation
Ministry of Civil Aviation | Leader |
| 2. | Mr. R. K. Singh
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Civil Aviation | Member |
| 3. | Mr. M.P. Gavai
Director
Ministry of External Affairs | Member |
| 4. | Mr. V.K. Verma
Commercial Director
Air India | Member |
| 5. | Mrs. S. Lalwani
Director (P & IR)
Air India | Member |
| 6. | Mr. Prem Sagar
Sr. Manager - International Relations
Air India | Member |
| 7. | Mr. K. Shyam Sunder
Dy. General Manager – Marketing Planning
Indian Airlines | Member |
| 8. | Mr. Rajan K. Malhotra
Dy. Manager, Marketing Planning
Indian Airlines | Member |

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1. H. E. Mohamed Yahya Al Suweidi
Assistant Undersecretary,
Ministry of Communications Leader
2. Mr. Mohammed A. Ahli
Member of Executive Board,
Operations Director, Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai Member
3. Dr. Pulian Ravindran
Air Transport Adviser, Ministry of Communications Member
4. Mr. Tony M. Tayeh
Senior Vice President,
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Emirates Member
5. Mr. Salem Obaidalla
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