

**Bi-Annual Medical Examination of
Indian Air Hostesses**

4298. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CH-
OUDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-
TION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Hostesses of Indian
Airlines and Air India are required to undergo
compulsory medical examination while male
members of the cabin crew are not required
to undergo this medical examination bi-
annually;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Japanese Air Host-
esses employed with Air India are also re-
quired to undergo this bi-annual medical
examination;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to remove this
discriminations with Indian Air Hostesses?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND
MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF
MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). In Air
India, for the purpose of extension in service
flight pursers and air hostesses have to
undergo medical examination at the age of
37 years and thereafter once in 2 years, till
the age of 45 years.

In Indian Airlines, however, the cabin
crew, both male and female, are required to
undergo six monthly height and weight
checks to assure that they maintain physical
fitness. Airhostesses above the age of 35
years are also required to undergo annual
medical examination.

Review of the system of medical exami-
nation in Indian Airlines and Air India for
cabin crew is under consideration.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

**Expenditure on Catering Consultancy
by Air India**

4299. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CH-
OUDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-
TION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Air India per
year for Catering Consultancy;

(b) the details of the firm engaged for
this purpose; and

(c) the benefit accrued by Air India on
engaging this firm?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND
MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF
MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Amount spent by
Air India over catering consultancy is given
below:

Year

Year	Amount
1988-89	DM 71,825 or INR 555,306.00
1989-90	DM 52,000 or INR 523,506.00

(b) The consultant engaged is M/s.
Steighenberger Hotels, West Germany.

(c) Improved standard of inflight service
is now available to passengers with the
upgradation of continental cuisine on Air
India flights and also in regard to the choice
of wines/cheeses.

Risk Allowance to Traction Workers

4300. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will
the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to
state: