GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2874 ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000 PROPOSAL FOR CONCESSIONAL AIR FARE IN ALAND IA . B.K. PARTHASARATHI;KOLUR BASAVANAGOUD

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to give concession for travelling abroad to the Senior citizens also on the line of Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of average number of senior citizens making use of this benefits every year;

(e) whether there is any proposal to reduce the age limit to 60 years for both male and female passengers under the senior citizens discount scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) and (d):- All international fares are established only when they are unanimously agreed by all airlines at the Tariff Coordination Conferences of International Air Transport Association (IATA) and subsequently approved by all Governments concerned. It is because of lack of agreement amongst airlines that concession in International air fare for senior citizens has not been introduced by any international airline including Air India and Indian Airlines (on international routes). Air India has also competitive market fares for international and domestic travel which are also applicable to the senior citizens.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.