

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5959  
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2002  
CONCESSION TO PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PERSONS BY AI AND IA  
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether concessions are provided to the physically challenged persons for travelling by Indian Airlines and Air India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any concession is extended to the person accompanying them;
- (d) whether preference is given to these persons while booking the ticket; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN )

(a), (b), (c),(d) and (e) : Yes, Sir. Effective 16 January 2002, Air India offers 55% discount on the basic fare to blind persons on its domestic routes. No concession is offered to the person accompanying them. However, if the blind person is accompanied by a guide dog, Air India will carry the dog free of cost. No special preference is given for booking the ticket to blind person.

Indian Airlines provides 50% discount on Normal sector fare and point to point fares to blind persons and disabled persons suffering from 80% and above Locomotor Disability. Special fare is also offered to the invalid persons on stretcher.