

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR FACILITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the senior citizens are being allowed 50% rebate on fares by the private and the public sector airlines;
- (b) whether the Government propose to reduce the discount on air fares to the senior citizens;
- (c) if so, the number of senior citizens who availed of this facility provided by the Indian Airlines during the last two years;
- (d) the amount of loss suffered by the Indian Airlines on account of the discount facility given to the senior citizens; and
- (e) the amount to be saved by the Indian Airlines as a result of the reduced discount in air fares to the senior citizens?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK )

- (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines, Jet Airways and Sahara Airlines provide a discount of 50% to senior citizens on basic fare. Air India provides 25% discount on its market fares on select sectors during the lean season.
- (b) The discount given to various categories of passengers by Indian Airlines are under review.
- (c) During the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, the number of senior citizens having availed of this facility with Indian Airlines is 204293 and 197560 respectively.
- (d) The total impact on account of the discount given by Indian Airlines to the senior citizens during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is Rs. 37.97 crores and Rs.39.38 crores respectively.
- (e) The amount cannot be quantified at this stage.