

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MEALS IN SHORT DURATION FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether meals are served by the Indian Airlines in its short duration domestic flights such as Delhi-Lucknow.
- (b) if so, whether similar practice is being followed by Airlines in foreign countries particularly USA;
- (c) if not, the reason for incurring such wasteful expenditure;
- (d) if so, whether the Government would consider serving light refreshments by IA in its short duration flights to avoid wasteful expenditure; and
- (e) if so, the steps contemplated by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c), (d) and (e): Indian Airlines serves meals on short sectors like Delhi-Lucknow for the following reasons : (I) due to the distance and traffic involved in most of the places the passengers take a very long time to reach the airports. Added to this is the time involved in completing the check-in and security formalities. As a result, after the passengers board the aircraft they prefer to be provided with meals (II) Indian Airlines has to match the facilities offered by its competitors in the domestic market.