GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4520 ANSWERED ON:22.04.2010 SUBSTANDARD SERVICES OF PRIVATE AIRLINES Dashmunsi Deepa ;Mishra Shri Mahabal

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding substandard services of private airlines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against the said private airlines on the basis of such complaints during the last three years; and
- (c) the number of public representatives who have made such complaints and the details of airlines against whom action has been taken during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (c):- Yes, Madam. Complaints of scheduled domestic airlines have been received from passengers regarding missing/lost baggage, refund of tickets in case of delays/cancellation, misbehaviour by airlines staff, denial of facilities like wheel chair, meals/snacks in case of delayed flights, etc. As per the available records, number of complaints received during the last three years are as follows:

Airlines No. of Complaints Received 2007 2008 2009

NACIL(I) 17 01 05 Jet Airways 11 09 29 27 13 13 JetLite 105 20 09 Air Deccan Kingfisher Airlines 07 05 24 18 12 21 Spicejet 15 07 12 Go Air Paramount 03 Nil 05 13 09 19 IndiGo 02 Nil MDT.R

Amongst these complaints, 36 complaints were from the public representatives.

Being regulatory body for airline operations, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has taken up these complaints with the airlines for suitable redressal.

All the scheduled domestic airlines have been advised to display their citizen charter on their respective websites various facilities offered to the passengers, both in terms of free and chargeable, in a conspicuous manner so that passengers are aware of these before booking air tickets. Airlines also refund the tickets as per regulations issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation, in case of cancellation of flight.