

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to give its former Ministers, Secretaries and their family members life-long upgrades to first class air ticket on Air India;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such laigesse at a time when Air India is aling and showing losses;
- (c) the other facilities Government has decided to give to their former Ministers and Secretaries;and
- (d) the estimated loss Air India would incur on these upgrades/facilites?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Such facilities are not going to increase any burden on Air India or other agencies as they will be extended only if vacant seats are available.
- (c): The other facilities extended are airport entry pass, VIP car parking label and facilitation at airports.
- (d): Upgradation of facility is only subject to availability of seats, hence Air India on this account would not incur any loss.