

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EVACUATION OF INDIANS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India recently evacuated a large number of Indians from Egypt due to the recent unrest in that country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their numbers;
- (c) whether these passengers were overcharged for their travel back to the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the rationale behind such a move; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Air India operated 3 flights to evacuate Indian nationals from Egypt. In all 749 passengers (including 2 infants) were evacuated by operating two 747-400 ferry flight on 30.1.2011 and 3.2.2011 as well as by diverting a scheduled Jeddah/Mumbai flight on 1.2.2011.

(c), (d) and (e): No, Madam. The fare charged was only to cover the direct cost of operating the flight on a 'no profit' basis.