

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DISCOUNTS TO FLYERS OF AI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India (AI) is offering 50% discount to flyers above 63 years in its fares;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other categories of persons to whom such concessions are being offered at present;
- (d) whether AI has estimated such persons travelling in its airlines annually and total loss being suffered by AI on this count;
- (e) if so, whether this initiative of AI is likely to attract more senior citizens to its fold; and
- (f) if so, the detailed strategy chalked out by AI in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Air India offers 50% discount on full normal economy class fares to Senior Citizens who are 63 years and above on domestic sectors.
- (c): Similar concession of 50% in air fare in economy class on domestic sectors is also available to Active Armed Forces Personnel, Personnel of General Reserve Engineering Force, Para Military Forces, Students, Blind Persons, Cancer Patients, Passengers with Locomotors Disability and Arjuna Awardees.
- (d), (e) and (f): The utilization of above discount is negligible. Air India has been launching special promotional fares from time to time to attract passengers.