

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FREE TRAVEL FOR SPOUSE/CHILD
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether passengers travelling in executive class of Indian Airlines were getting the benefit of free travel for their spouse/child alongwith them upto March, 2011;
- (b) if so, whether there has been an increase in number of travellers and income due to this measure;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering to introduce this scheme again; and
- (d) if so, the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. Air India has a `companion scheme`.

(b) 3337 passengers have travelled under this scheme during April to October, 2011. Since no separate accounts are maintained for this scheme, it is not possible to provide exact income generated due to this scheme.

(c) and (d): The scheme is valid for sale and travel upto March 31, 2012 after which it would be reviewed and a suitable decision taken with regard to extension of the validity of the scheme.