

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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DISCOUNT ON AI TICKETS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air India (AI) is offering special discount to flyers including students and senior citizens;
- (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 traveling in its airlines annually and the total loss being suffered by AI on this count; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI AJIT SINGH )

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Air India offers 50% discount on basic fare component of full normal economy class fare to Senior Citizens who have attained the age of 63 years & above on the date of commencement of travel and 50% discount on basic fare component of full normal economy class fare to student up to 26 years of age, applicable for travel between Home Town and place of Study only.

(c): Air India also offers concessions to other categories on domestic sectors to Senior Citizen, Student, Blind Passengers, Cancer Patient, Armed Forces, Armed Forces Bravery Award, Locomotor Disability, General Reserve Engineering Force, Sport Personnel - North East, War Disabled Officers, Arjuna Awardees, War Widows, Para Military Force, Police Medal for Gallantry, Civilian - Gallantry Awards and Youth Passenger. Besides this, Air India also offers 100% discount on total fare to Bharat Ratna Awardees, Golden Tributes Card Holders (living members of Constituent Assembly of India) and Ex-Andaman Freedom Fighters or to Widows of Ex-Andaman Freedom Fighters.

(d) and (e): Air India estimates that approximately 811 travelled during the period January to March, 2012 which accounts for about 0.036% of its total carriage. It is not possible to estimate a loss as the carriage on account of these discounts would possibly be incremental and not termed as a loss.