

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:328

ANSWERED ON:20.03.2013

CANCELLATION OF LICENCE OF AIRLINES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has cancelled the licence of any airlines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has asked the said airlines to clear dues of their employees;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the airlines thereto; and
- (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government in the interests of employees and passengers?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e):- A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 328 DATED 20.03.2013 REGARDING CANCELLATION OF LICENSES OF AIRLINES.

(a) and (b): No, Madam. The Government has not cancelled the license of any scheduled airlines in the country. However, the AOP (Air Operating Permit-AOP) of M/s. Kingfisher Airlines No. S-12 dated 26.08.2003 has been suspended by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) w.e.f. 20th October, 2012 and till such time the Airline submits its revival plan which, inter-alia, should indicate as to how it proposes to pay the dues of its employees and settle the outstandings of other stake-holders including Airport Operators, Oil Companies, Bank etc. The AOP of the airline incidentally expired on 31.12.2012 and has not been renewed.

(c), (d) and (e) : Yes, Madam. Director General of Civil Aviation in his meeting with the CEO of M/s. Kingfisher Airlines on 2nd October, 2012, had asked him to clear the dues of their employees at the earliest. The airline has not taken any action in this regard so far.

For protecting the interests of passengers, the DGCA has issued various Civil Aviation Regulations (CAR) pertaining to refund of airline tickets, denied boarding, cancellation and delays of flights, computer reservation system, global distribution system.