GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:620 ANSWERED ON:27.02.2013 PROTOCOL FOR PUBLIC REPRESENTIVES IN PRIVATE AIRLINES Guddu Shri Premchandra;Mala Rajya Laxmi Smt. Shah;Rawat Shri Ashok Kumar

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received several complaints from MPs/VIPs and other air passengers regarding misbehaviour by security personnel/ airlines staff etc. during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, airlinewise;

(c) whether instances of private airlines not following the protocols particularly with regard to VIPs including Members of Parliament have come to light;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of complaints received during each of the last three years and the current year, airportwise;

(e) the details of protocol arrangements made for VIPs/MPs at various airports by private airlines and AAI;

(f) the mechanism in place to ensure that protocol is strictly followed by private airlines particularly with regard to VIPs/MPs and;

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to instruct the airlines to have cordial relations with the air passengers especially VIPs?;

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) and (b): -Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has received approximately 684 complaints from the passengers against the misbehavior of staff. Airlines wise details are not maintained.

(c) and (d): The Ministry of Civil Aviation has received complaints from two Members of Parliament against Jet Airways for not following protocol at Mumbai and Delhi Airports.

(e) to (g) : The details of protocol arrangement for VIPs/MPs are given below:

Reserved Lounge facilities at international and domestic terminals of the airports.

Tea/Coffee/Water served free of charge.

Member of Parliament acts as Chairman of Airport Advisory Committee in respect of the airport which falls under his/her constituency.

Free Access in the Terminal Building and Visitors Gallery on the basis of MPs Identity Card.

Parking of vehicles of MPs in the VIP Car parking area on the basis of pass issued to MPs for Parliament House Car Park.

Airport Entry Pass to One personal staff of MP as and when required.

One Officer of airport is designated as Protocol Officer at each airport and is responsible for extension of all facilities/courtesies to MPs.

Any violation if brought to the notice of the Ministry is dealt with promptly.