

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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COMPANION FREE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Companion Free Scheme (CFS) by Air India;
- (b) whether the scheme has been discontinued and if so, when and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representations for continuation of the scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Vigilance Department of Air India has found serious irregularities and misuse of CFS in air India during the last three years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): The salient features of Companion Free Scheme (CFS) at Air India, are given in Annexure-A.
- (b) and (c): On the domestic sector, the Companion Free Scheme has been discontinued with effect from 31.05.2013. However, on the International Sector, the scheme still continues. No such representation has been received in the Ministry.
- (d): Vigilance Department of Air India carried out study only for a period of one year and found irregularities/misuse of CFS by some AI staff.
- (e) and (f): The details of irregularities found are given in Annexure-B. Based on the recommendation of Vigilance Department, appropriate disciplinary action is being taken by Air India.