

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLYING ALLOWANCE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that Air India has failed to pay flying allowance which constitutes around 75 per cent of pilot's salary, to its pilots since the last six months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Flying Allowance to Pilots is being released regularly on monthly basis in Air India. However, there have been some delay in payment due to tight cash liquidity position in Air India. Details of payment made during the last six months is as under;;

Month	Date of Payment;
June, 2013	31.07.2013;
July, 2013	31.08.2013;
August, 2013	01.10.2013;
September, 2013	31.10.2013;
October, 2013	30.11.2013;
November, 2013	07.01.2014;
December, 2013	Proposed to be paid in 1st
week of February, 2014	

(c): Steps have been taken by the Government under Turn Around Plan and Financial Restructuring Plan to infuse equity into Air India, against achievement of certain milestones, and thereby improve the operational and financial performance of the company. As a result, the total passenger revenue has increased by 14%, and Net Loss declined by 6.58% for the period April ? December, 2013, over the corresponding period of previous Financial Year.