

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LOW COST AIRLINE

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to ease flying norms for airlines on foreign routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to launch low cost airline services with reduced rates for the benefit of the expatriates working in the middle east;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): Yes Madam. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has moved a proposal to amend the existing eligibility criteria of operation of international scheduled air transport services by removing the requirement of a minimum of 5 years' experience of continuous operation of domestic scheduled air transport services and fleet size requirement of a minimum of 20 aircraft.

(c) to (e): The Government of Kerala has informed that the Cochin International Airport Ltd. had worked out a project for starting 'Air Kerala' airlines as its subsidiary. However, no formal proposal has so far been received by this Ministry in this regard. The Government will consider if any proposal from airlines / State Governments is received to launch low cost airline services with reduced rates for the benefit of the expatriates working in middle east.