

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) downgrading of Indian aviation sector on Air India's joining Star Alliance; and

(b) the present status of Air India's joining Star Alliance?

Answer

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

(a): There is no impact of Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) downgrading of Indian aviation sector on Air India's joining Star Alliance. Star Alliance has confirmed that the FAA safety assessment is a matter for the respective Governments and aviation authorities and the downgrade has no direct impact on the planned integration of Air India into Star Alliance.

(b): Subsequent to announcement by Star Alliance on 13th Dec 2013 that its Chief Executive Board (CEB) has unanimously accepted to commence the reintegration, Air India restarted the integration exercise into Star Alliance. The integration involves aligning various processes and standards to the Star Alliance joining requirements.