

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3436

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AIR INDIA DISCOUNT TO SENIOR CITIZENS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India is offering a 20 per cent discount to senior citizens for first and executive class seats on international routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have any proposal to give discount to the senior citizens, women and students who are going for examinations/interviews in Air India on domestic flights in every class on the line of Railways;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Air India offers a 20% discount to senior citizens (65 years and above) for travel on any international sector on all fares in First and Executive class w.e.f. November 17, 2009 and is valid for outbound travel commencing on/before March 31, 2010.

(c), (d) and (e): No, Sir. However, 50% discount on Normal sector fares for travel in Economy Class is offered to senior citizens (age 65 years for Male passengers and 63 years for Female passengers) on the domestic sectors. 50% discount on Normal sector fares for travel in Economy class is offered to students upto the age of 26 years. Travel is permitted from place of study to home town and vice versa.