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Title:Regarding fare of the Indian Airlines from Gulf countries.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (ADOOR): Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise an urgent matter of public importance.

Recently, the Air India has provided free transportation of human remains and maximum of 50 kilograms of personal effects to help Indian workers who are working in the Gulf Region, and who cannot afford such cost. This facility has been provided based on the endorsement from the Indian Embassy. I welcome this decision of the Air India. This decision is of great relief for the middle class and low paid workers who are working in the Gulf countries. Any person accompanying the human remains will be given free ticket. The Air India also provides more than 50 per cent discount for patients transported in stretcher. This has also been appreciated by Gulf Malayalies. At the same time, the Indian Airlines is not giving this facility. The Indian Airlines is now operating flight service to almost all the Gulf countries from Kerala Airport as also from other international airports. There is a demand from the Gulf Malayalies that Indian Airlines should also provide this concession for human remains.

Therefore, I would request the Government that Indian Airlines should also provide free transportation of human remains and a free ticket for one person who is accompanying the dead body.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (MAVELIKARA): Sir, I am also associating myself with this matter.

SHRI A.C. JOS (TRICHUR): Sir, I am also associating myself with this submission.