

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:892
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2003
DISCOUNT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had issued guidelines stipulating that a senior citizen would be given discount of 50% in air fare, if booking for the return journey is done seven days in advance and that one-way journey will not be considered eligible for the same;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have since reviewed this decision and have issued fresh guidelines in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any objections have been received by the Government about the fresh guidelines also;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- g) whether the Government propose to extend this concession to students particularly from Southern and North Eastern States; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): A number of representations were received from Senior Citizens to reduce the stipulated period of stay of 7 days. The matter was reviewed and w.e.f. 1.10.2003, the condition of minimum seven days stay has been reduced to minimum two nights stay at destination in case of Round Trip journey and at each intermediate point in case of Circle Trip journey.

(d),(e) and (f): Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received but it has been decided not to make any further changes.

(g) and (h): With effect from 7th July, 2003, Indian Airlines has been offering student concession for travel between Home town and place of study only. Part travel upto Kolkata was not permitted for students travelling on student concession on flights operating between points in North East and Kolkata.

Subsequently, w.e.f. 1.10.2003, students have been permitted to travel on flights operating between points in North East and Kolkata when the sectors form a part of journey i.e. from place of study to Home Town.