

Title: Need to remove the precondition of knowledge of Hindi language as essential for recruitment of 'Cabin Crew' in Air India and Indian Airlines - Laid.

SHRI M. APPADURAI (TENKASI): The reputed public sector organizations of India – both Air India and Indian Airlines – are recruiting 'Cabin Crew' through Advertisements in leading newspapers all over the country for different regions namely, Northern region, Western region and Southern region. While selecting the staff for the above mentioned post, they give importance to the people of region concerned so that they may effectively communicate with passengers in their regional language. But while recruiting the cabin crew members for Southern Region, knowing of Hindi language is prescribed as an essential qualification. Due to this Hindi belt candidates are grabbing the posts in the slice of Southern Region posts. This results in our Southern Region (Tamil Nadu) people being deprived of employment opportunities and are deprived from entering the service.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to remove this pre-condition making knowledge of Hindi language as an essential requirement, if need be let them be taught Hindi while in service. A separate selection process may be conducted exclusively for Southern people especially of Tamil Nadu region. It must be made mandatory to have a proof of nativity either academic or ration card that must be produced at the time of selection, so that the quota would be filled up by local candidates of region concerned strictly ending the encroachment in the appointments by the Hindi belt applicants.