GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2741 (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th March 2018)

Preference to Armed Forces Soldiers to board flights first

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether members of the Armed Forces, serving soldiers are invited to board Air India flights first before other fliers in order to show gratitude towards them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to issue an advisory to other private airlines in India to invite members of the Armed Forces from the Army, Navy and Air Force to board the flight first to make them feel a sense of pride; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and it not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) and (b): In order to show gratitude towards members of the Armed Forces, serving members of the Armed Forces from the Army, Navy and Air Force are being invited to board Air India flights first. This has been implemented w.e.f. 15th August, 2017 on all Air India flights in India.

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(c) and (d): No such proposal is under consideration in this Ministry.