

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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(To be answered on the 2nd February 2017)

RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR WOMEN IN FLIGHTS

162. **SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE**
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether attention of the Government is drawn to recent incident where a women passenger on a Mumbai-Newark flight was reportedly molested by a person, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to protect the women from such attacks, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Air India proposes to reserve one row in economy class for single women travellers on domestic flights, if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for other private airlines to reserve one row for women travellers on domestic flight; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): An incident in AI 191 flight was occurred on 19/12/2016 operating on Mumbai -Newark sector. The crew reported that during the flight a lady

passenger complained of harassment by a male passenger who originally was seated in business class and thereafter shifted to economy class and occupied seat next to complainant lady passenger . The matter was reported to commander of the flight and Air India ground staff on landing at Newark .Police was called who took both the passengers for questioning.

(b) & (c): Air India, effective from 18.01.2017, is offering an entire third row, in its Economy Class on its Domestic Flights for single women passengers. Seats can be availed by single women passengers, at no extra cost from Air India's Airport offices up to 1 hour and 30 minutes before departure of the domestic flight.

Scheme is not valid on Air India - International, Alliance Air and Air India's code share flights.

Air India have been receiving requests, at the check-in counter from female passengers preferring to sit with a lady passenger. The conceptualization of above scheme was based on this feedback.

(d) No, Madam.

(e):Does not arise in view of (d) above.
