

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1622
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th December 2021)

PAY CUT OF PILOTS OF AIR INDIA

1622. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL

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

- (a) whether it is fact that Air India and its staff has successfully implemented Vande Bharat Mission during the Corona pandemic;
- (b) if so, the number of flights and passengers return back;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that despite working during pandemic and post-pandemic, pilots are facing pay cut as well as pending payment of salary;
- (d) if so, the amount of pending salaries of pilots till date; and
- (e) the steps Government will take to settle it before handing over Air India to the private player?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Air India Group operated 21861 flights (inbound) under Vande Bharat Mission till 29/11/2021 in which 3178944 passengers returned back to India.

(c) to (e): In view of the financial crunch which had become more acute due to Covid, Air India rationalized the allowances of its employees. There is no payment pending towards salary since onset of pandemic and salary is being paid every month. The Industrial Dearness Allowance, which was frozen in July, 2020 for all categories of employees of Air India, had been restored w.e.f 01.07.2021.
