

SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

CPO'S OFFICE/GRC

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RBE No.49/2016

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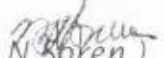
Dated 28-06-2016

To : All Concerned

Sub : *Permission to Travel by Airlines other  
than Air India*

Railway Board's letter No.F(E)I/2016/AL-28/25 dated 16.05.2016 (RBE No.49/2016) is forwarded for information, guidance and necessary action.

Encl : As above

  
( B.N. Soren )

Dy. Chief Personnel Officer (IR)  
for Chief Personnel Officer

**Government of India / Bharat Sarkar**  
**Ministry of Railways / Rail Mantralaya**  
**(Railway Board)**

**RBE No. 49 /2016**

No. F(E)I/2016/AL-28/25

New Delhi, dated 16 .05.2016

The General Managers,  
All Indian Railways etc.  
(As per Standard Mailing List)

Sub: Permission to Travel by Airlines other than Air India.

The Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance vide their O.M's No. F.No. 19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011, had decided that in all cases of official air travel (both domestic and international) including air travel for the purpose of LTC, where the Government of India bears the cost of air passage, the officials concerned shall travel only by Air India. The DoE had also given mandate to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) to grant permission to travel by airlines other than Air India, in case of operational or other reasons or on account of non-availability of Air India flights on any route.

2. Now, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation vide his D.O. No. 18011/05/2012-AI dated 07.03.2016 has communicated with due approval of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, the delegation of powers to the Financial Advisors of the Ministries to grant permission to travel by airlines other than Air India with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. The delegated power has to be exercised in accordance with the instructions contained in the Department of Expenditure's O.M. Nos. 19024/1/2009-E-IV dt. 13.7.2009, 16.9.2010 & 28.7.2011 (copies enclosed).

3. As per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Civil Aviation, sectors on which general relaxation for travel by Airlines other than Air India has been accorded by them are given at Annexure II, III & IV.


4. It has been decided by Board that in deserving cases of air travel by airlines other than Air India for the sectors not covered in the Annexure II, III & IV, due to operational or non-availability or other reasons, the individual cases may be referred to Board's Office for relaxation with supporting documents as per proforma enclosed (Annexure-I).

5. All the officers who are entitled to travel by Air are requested to scrupulously comply with the guidelines of air travel (copy enclosed).

6. Hindi version is enclosed.

7. Please acknowledge receipt.

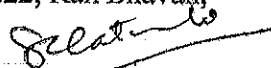
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(Sonali Chaturvedi)  
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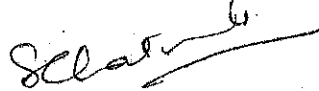
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Financial Commissioner/Railways.  
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1. The G.M, N.F Railway(Const.), Southern Railway (Const.) and Central Railway(Const.)
2. FA&CAO, N.F. Railway (Const.), Central Railway (Const.) and Southern Railway(Const.)
3. The Director General and Ex.officio General Manager, RDSO/ Lucknow.
4. The General Manager and FA&CAO, Metro Railway/Kolkata.
5. The CAO and FA&CAO, COFMOW/New Delhi.
6. The General Manager and FA&CAO, CORE/Allahabad.
7. The Director General, Railway Staff College/Vadodara.
8. The CAO(Const.), MTP (R ) / Mumbai.
9. The CAO, Rail Coach Factory, Raebareli Project, Kishanganj, Delhi-7.
10. The CAO(Const.), MTP(R ) /Chennai.
11. The Executive Director, CAMTECH/Gwalior-474020.
12. The Executive Director/ERP, Railway Board, Room No. 339A, Pragati Maidan Metro Station Building Complex, New Delhi.
13. The Chairman, RCT/Principal Bench, 13/15, Mall Road, Delhi.
14. The Chairman, Human Resources Reforms Committee, Railway Board, Room No. 325A, Pragati Maidan Metro Station Building Complex, New Delhi.
15. The Chairman,RRT, Chennai - 600008.
16. The Director, IRICEN/Pune, IRIBEN/Nasik Road, IRIMEE/Jamalpur, IRISSET/Secunderabad.
17. The Managing Director, IRCON, IRFC, MRVC, IRWO, IRC&TC, CONCOR of India Limited, Executive Director, CRIS.
18. The Chairman -cum-Managing Director, KRC Limited, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi, Office of the Chief Project Administrator (Telecom), Indian Railway Central Organisation for Telecom (IRCOT) Consultancy, Shivaji Bridge/ New Delhi.
19. The Director(Movement) Railways/Kolkata.
20. The Joint Director, Mil Rail, Ministry of Defence.
21. The Joint Secretary, Iron & Steel, 3 Koilaghat Street/Kolkata.
22. The Chief Mining Advisor, Ministry of Railway, Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
23. The Chairman, RCC, Lok Sabha Secretariat/New Delhi.
24. The Chairman,RRB/Ajmer, Ahmedabad, Allahabad, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Kolkata, Jammu, Gorakhpur,Guwahati, Malda, Mumbai, Muzaffarpur, Patna, Ranchi, Secunderabad, and Trivandrum.
25. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Railways(Railway Board).
26. The General Secretary, IRCA/New Delhi.
27. The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety/Lucknow.
28. The Editor, " Bharatiya Rail".

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29. The Editor "Indian Railways".
30. Chairman, Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. (RITES), RITES Bhavan, Plot No. 1, Sector-29, Gurgaon.
31. Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), 61/35, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-1100 01.
32. Computerised Facilitation Counter, Room No.5, Near Gate No.1, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.
33. The Managing Director, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd., Plot No. 25, First Floor, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi- 110 066.
34. CAO( C), SEC Railway, Bilaspur-495004.
35. M/S. Bahri Brothers, 742, Lajpat Rai Market, Delhi-1100 06.
36. Managing Director, Rail Tel Corporation of India Ltd., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bank of Baroda Building 16, Sansad Marg, New Delhi.

  
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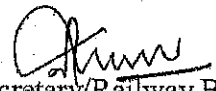
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For Secretary/Railway Board.

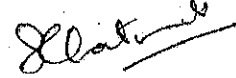
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1. The Secretary General, FROA, Room No. 256-A, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi (with 5 spares).
2. The Secretary, RBSS, Group 'A' Officers Association, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi (with 5 spares).
3. The President, Railway Board Class-II Officers' Association, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi (with 5 spares).
4. The Secretary General, IRPOF, Room No. 268, Rail Bhavan (with 5 spares).
5. The President, Indian Railway Class II Officers' Association, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad (with 5 spares).
6. General Secretary, Indian Railway Class II Officers Federation, Office of CE(Const.), N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur (with 5 spares).
7. The Secretary, Railway Board Ministerial Staff Association, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi (with 5 spares).
8. The Secretary, Railway Board Class IV Staff Association, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi (with 5 spares).

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9. The General Secretary, All India RPF Association, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi (with 5 spares).
10. The General Secretary, All India SC/ST Railway Employees Association Room No.7, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi - 110001.



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भारत सरकार  
रेल मंत्रालय  
रेलवे बोर्ड

आरबीई सं. 49/2016

सं. एफ(ई)I/2016/एएल-28/25

नई दिल्ली, दिनांक: 16.05.2016

महाप्रबंधक,  
सभी भारतीय रेलें/उत्पादन इकाइयां आदि  
(मानक डाक सूची के अनुसार)

**विषय: एयर इंडिया से भिन्न किसी अन्य एयरलाइन्स द्वारा यात्रा करने की अनुमति प्रदान करना।**

व्यय विभाग, वित्त मंत्रालय ने अपने 13 जुलाई 2009, 16 सितम्बर, 2010 और 28 जुलाई, 2011 के कार्यालय ज्ञापन सं. फाइल नं. 19024/1/2009-ई-IV के माध्यम से निर्णय किया था कि एलटीसी के प्रयोजन से की जाने वाली हवाई यात्रा सहित हवाई जहाज से सरकारी यात्रा (अन्तर्देशीय और अन्तरराष्ट्रीय दोनों) के ऐसे सभी मामलों, जिनमें भारत सरकार हवाई यात्रा की लागत को वहन करती है, में संबंधित अधिकारी केवल एयर इण्डिया से ही यात्रा करेंगे। व्यय विभाग ने नागर विमानन मंत्रालय को यह अधिकार भी दिया था कि परिचालनिक अथवा अन्य कारणों अथवा किसी मार्ग पर एयर इण्डिया की सेवा उपलब्ध न होने की स्थिति में वह एयर इण्डिया से इतर किसी अन्य एयरलाइन्स से यात्रा करने की अनुमति प्रदान कर सकता है।

2. अब, व्यय विभाग, वित्त मंत्रालय के विधिवत् अनुमोदन से सचिव, नागर विमानन मंत्रालय ने अपने दिनांक 07.03.2016 के का. ज्ञा. सं. 18011/05/2012-ए आई के तहत 1 अप्रैल, 2016 से मंत्रालयों के वित्त सलाहकारों को एयर इंडिया से इतर किसी अन्य एयरलाइन्स द्वारा यात्रा करने की अनुमति प्रदान करने की संसूचना दी है। प्रत्यायोजित शक्तियों का प्रयोग व्यय विभाग के दिनांक 13.07.2009, 16.09.2010 और 28.07.2011 के का. ज्ञा. सं. 19024/1/2009-ई-IV (प्रतिलिपियां संलग्न) में अन्तर्विष्ट अनुदेशों के अनुसार किया जाना है।

3. नागर विमानन मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी मार्ग-निर्देशों के अनुसार उन सेक्टरों, जिन पर उनके द्वारा एयर इण्डिया से इतर किसी अन्य एयरलाइन्स द्वारा यात्रा करने की सामान्य छूट प्रदान की गई है, का ब्यौरा अनुलग्नक II, III तथा IV में दिया गया है।

4. बोर्ड द्वारा यह निर्णय लिया गया है कि उन सेक्टरों, जो अनुलग्नक II, III तथा IV में शामिल न हों, के लिए परिचालनिक अथवा उपलब्धता न होने अथवा अन्य कारणों से एयर इण्डिया से इतर किसी अन्य एयरलाइन्स द्वारा हवाई यात्रा करने के पात्र मामलों में

अलग-अलग मामलों में छूट देने के लिए उन्हें बोर्ड कार्यालय को भेजा जाए और उनके साथ संलग्न प्रोफार्मा (अनुलग्नक-1) के अनुसार सहायक दस्तावेज भी भेजे जाएं।

5. उन सभी अधिकारियों, जो हवाई यात्रा करने के हकदार हैं, से अनुरोध है कि वे हवाई यात्रा से संबंधित मार्ग-निर्देशों (प्रतिलिपि संलग्न) का कड़ाई से पालन करें।

6. कृपया पावती दें।

संलग्नक: यथोक्त

शोनाली चतुर्वेदी

(शोनाली चतुर्वेदी)

उप निदेशक, वित्त (स्था.)

रेलवे बोर्ड

**GUIDELINES FOR RELAXATION TO TRAVEL BY AIRLINES  
OTHER THAN AIR INDIA**

Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation vide his D.O. No.18011/05/2012-AI dated 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to all Ministries/Departments has communicated the delegation of powers to the Financial Advisers of the Ministries to grant permission to travel by airlines other than Air India with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016, with due approval of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The delegated power has to be exercised in accordance with the instructions contained in the DFoE's OM Nos. 19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 13.7.2009, 16.9.2010 & 28.7.2011. Apart from these three basic instructions DoE and DoP&T have also issued various related instructions which are available on their respective websites which also need to be followed scrupulously.

Accordingly, Ministry of Railways has devised the following guidelines for processing the requests for relaxation to travel by airlines other than Air India. These guidelines are broadly based on the OMs/instructions mentioned in the preceding para and the guidelines of the Ministry of Civil Aviation in this regard available on their website.

1. The request for relaxation must be submitted to Railway Board at least 10 working days in advance from the date of travel.
2. Request for seeking relaxation is required to be submitted in the Proforma (Annexure-I), duly filled in.
3. Sectors on which General/blanket relaxation has been accorded by Ministry of Civil Aviation are available at Annexure-II, III & IV. There is no requirement to seek relaxation for these sectors. However, these sectors may be revised by the Government of India from time to time. This may be kept in view while seeking the relaxation.
4. Those seeking relaxation on ground of Non-Availability of seats (NAS) must enclose NAS Certificate issued by authorized travel agents- M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co., Ashok Travels & Tours and IRCTC (to the extent IRCTC is authorized as per DoP&T O.M. No. 31011/6/2002-Estt.(A) dated 2.12.2009)/a copy of the sector specific snapshot of Air India Website i.e. [www.airindia.in](http://www.airindia.in).



5. The Non-Availability of seats certificate to be provided should be as per the journey to be performed e.g. for the journey from Dibrugarh to Delhi, the non-availability of seat certificate should be for Dibrugarh-Kolkata and Kolkata-Delhi route separately and not for Dibrugarh-Delhi route.
6. As per Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No. 19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 for sectors which are not connected directly by any of the airlines, an employee must travel by Air India upto the nearest hub. Relaxation will be granted for the remaining segment.
7. Availability of lower fare is no criteria for seeking relaxation.
8. Those seeking relaxation on the ground of attending meeting at a particular time, must attach meeting notice and approved tour programme.
9. For foreign travel cases, where full or partial grants are received, journey has to be performed on Air India upto the place upto which Air India is available and seek relaxation for the remaining sector. On International routes where Air India has code-share partner, the same must be utilized.
10. For Invitees from abroad travelling on Government of India funding, efforts should be made to book them on Air India code share flights to the extent possible.
11. Non-receipt of approval by the stipulated date does not entitle one to claim relaxation as a matter of right.

## PROFORMA FOR RELAXATION TO TRAVEL BY AIRLINES OTHER THAN AIR INDIA

S. No.	Item of Information	Remarks
1.	Name	
2.	Designation	
3.	Name of the Organization/Division/Railway	
4.	Date of visit	
5.	Whether Foreign travel/Domestic travel	
6.	In case of official visit, kindly link approved tour programme	
7.	Whether entitled for Air travel as per rules	
	If not, kindly link the approval of competent authority for air travel	
8.	Reasons for seeking permission to travel in airlines other than Air India (Foreign/Domestic):	
a.	Whether Air India does not have flights in that sector at all.	
b.	Whether Air India does not have flights in that sector on the schedule date of travel.	
c.	Whether there is no availability of ticket in the entitled class of travel in Air India flights in that sector on the scheduled date of travel.	
d.	Any other reason.	
9.	Kindly either link print out from official website of Air India and Govt. authorized travel agents viz. Ashok Travels & Tours, Balmer Lawrie & Co. and IRCTC regarding the above reasons or official communication from Air India and these agencies.	
10.	In case of foreign travel, if full or part journey is proposed through alliance partner of Air India, ticket should be obtained from the office or official websites of Air India or authorized agents viz. Balmer Lawrie & Co., Ashok Travels & Tours, IRCTC, for obviating any complication while preferring the reimbursement claim.	
11.	Kindly link an undertaking from the travelling official that in case permission is granted for air journey other than by Air India, he/she will avail the cheapest available ticket in the entitled category among the options of various private airlines operating in that sector. The ticket needs to be booked using the airlines own official website or through authorized agents, viz. Balmer Lawrie & Co., Ashok Travels & Tour and IRCTC.	
12.	Kindly link recommendation of Head of the Department/Organization (attached/sub-ordinate offices).	

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(Signature of the individual travelling)

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(Signature of the Head of the Organization)

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION/MINISTRY

.....  
(Signature of Head of the Department)

Note: In case the individual travelling is of the level of SAG and above on the Railways, no separate approval of Head of Department/Administrative Office/General Manager is required for seeking such permission (tour programme duly approved by competent authority may however be linked). In such cases, self-certification by the travelling officer (SAG & above) will be sufficient for submitting their proposal for grant of the said permission.

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Annexure-II

Sl. No.	Sectors
01	Ahmedabad - Pune- Ahmedabad
02	Ahmedabad- Jaipur- Ahmedabad
03	Ahmedabad- Indore- Ahmedabad
04	Bangalore-Coimbatore- Bangalore
05	Bangalore- Vishakhapatnam -Bangalore
06	Chennai-Coimbatore- Chennai
07	Chennai-Tuticorin-Chennai
08	Chandigarh- Srinagar-Chandigarh
09	Guwahati - Dibrugarh- Guwahati
10	Guwahati -Bagdogra- Guwahati
11	Hyderabad-Bhubaneswar- Hyderabad
12	Hyderabad- Bhopal- Hyderabad
13	Hyderabad-Cochin- Hyderabad
14	Hyderabad-Coimbatore- Hyderabad
15	Hyderabad-Nagpur- Hyderabad
16	Hyderabad- Rajamundry- Hyderabad
17	Hyderabad- Raipur- Hyderabad
18	Hubli- Bangalore- Hubli
19	Jaipur-Jammu- Jaipur
20	Jaipur-Hyderabad-Jaipur
21	Kolkata- Raipur- Kolkata
22	Kolkata-Visakhapatnam-Kolkata
23	Lucknow- Patna- Lucknow
24	Lucknow-Kolkata-Lucknow
25	Mumbai- Bhuj- Mumbai
26	Mumbai-Diu- Mumbai
27	Mumbai-Nanded- Mumbai
28	Mumbai-Porbandar- Mumbai
29	Mumbai- Jabalpur- Mumbai
30	Mumbai-Pune- Mumbai
31	Mumbai - Vadodara- Mumbai
32	Nagpur-Kolkata- Nagpur
33	Nagpur-Hyderabad- Nagpur
34	Nagpur-Pune- Nagpur
35	Nagpur-Bangalore- Nagpur
36	Nagpur-Indore- Nagpur
37	Varanasi-Kolkata-Varanasi

Annexure - III

S.No.	Sectors
1	Agartala-Guwahati-Agartala
2	Amritsar-Srinagar-Amritsar
3	Bhopal-Raipur-Bhopal
4	Bangalore-Tuticorin-Bangalore
5	Bangalore-Raipur-Bangalore
6	Bangalore-Pondicherry-Bangalore
7	Bangalore-Belgaum-Bangalore
8	Chennai-Kozhikode-Chennai
9	Chennai-Rajamundry-Chennai
10	Chennai-Tiruchirapali-Chennai
11	Chennai-Vishakhapatnam-Chennai
12	Delhi-Gorakhpur-Delhi
13	Guwahati-Aizawl-Guwahati
14	Hyderabad-Indore-Hyderabad
15	Hyderabad-Pondicherry-Hyderabad
16	Indore-Nagpur-Indore
17	Indore-Bangalore-Indore
18	Jorhat-Guwahati-Jorhat
19	Jorhat-Kolkata-Jorhat
20	Mumbai-Hubli-Mumbai
21	Mumbai-Surat-Mumbai
22	Mumbai-Belgaum-Mumbai
23	Mumbai-Bhavnagar-Mumbai
24	Patna-Ranchi-Patna
25	Varanasi-Kolkata-Varanasi
26	Varanasi-Lucknow-Varanasi

Annexure -IV

S.No.	Sectors
1	Bhopal-Jabalpur-Bhopal
2	Bhubaneswar-Kolkata-Bhubaneswar
3	Bhubaneswar-Visakhapatnam-Bhubaneswar
4	Calicut-Bangalore-Calicut
5	Chennai-Belgaum-Chennai
6	Chennai-Bhubaneswar-Chennai
7	Chennai-Pune-Chennai
8	Guwahati-Jaipur-Guwahati
9	Guwahati-Silchar-Guwahati
10	Kolkata-Patna-Kolkata
11	Kolkata-Ranchi-Kolkata
12	Pune-Indore-Pune
13	Pune-Kochi-Pune
14	Mumbai-Hubli-Mumbai
15	Visakhapatnam-Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam

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F.No.19024/1/2009-E.IV  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
( Department of Expenditure )

New Delhi, the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Air Travel on official account – both domestic and international.

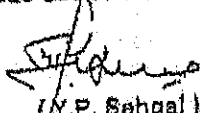
In partial modification of this Ministry's OM No. F. No. 7(2)/E. Coord/2005 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 and in supersession of this Ministry's OM No. 19024/1/E.IV/2005 dated 24.3.2006, it has been decided that in all cases of air travel, both domestic and international, where the Government of India bears the cost of air passage, the officials concerned may travel only by Air India.

2. For travel to stations not connected by Air India, the officials may travel by Air India to the hub/point closest to their eventual destination, beyond which they may utilise the services of another airline which should also preferably be an alliance partner of Air India.

3. In all cases of deviation from these orders because of operational or other reasons or on account of non-availability, individual cases may be referred to the Ministry of Civil Aviation for relaxation.

4. All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are requested to strictly adhere to these instructions.

5. These orders will also apply to officials in autonomous bodies funded by Government of India.

  
(N.P. Sehgal)  
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To

1. All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, etc..
2. All Financial Advisers.
3. All Heads of Public Sector Enterprises.

Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure

New Delhi dated the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

Office Memorandum

Subject: Guidelines on Air Travel on Tours/LTC.

This Department is receiving repeated references seeking clarifications with regard to purchase of Air tickets through authorized agents and relaxation for travel by Airlines other than Indian Airlines. The following guidelines may be noted for compliance:

1. On Official Tours:

(i) For travel by Airlines other than Air India because of operational or other reasons or on account of non-availability of Air India flights, individual cases for relaxation to be referred to M/o Civil Aviation, as stated in this Ministry's OM No. 19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 13.07.09.

(ii) Air Tickets may be purchased directly from Airlines (at Booking counters/Website of Airlines) or by utilizing the services of Authorized Travel Agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company, M/s Ashok Travels & Tours.

2. LTC:

(i) Travel by Air India only.

(ii) In Economy class only, irrespective of entitlement.

(iii) LTC-80 ticket of Air India only to be purchased.


(iv) Air Tickets may be purchased directly from Airlines (at Booking counters/Website of Airlines) or by utilizing the services of Authorized Travel Agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company, M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and IRCTC (to the extent IRCTC is authorized as per DoP&T OM No. 31011/6/2002-Estt.(A) dt. 02.12.09).

3. LTC for J&K:

(i) Relaxation to travel by Private Airlines to visit J&K while availing LTC is available to all the categories of Govt. employees, including those entitled to travel by Air [DoP&T OMs No. 31011/2/2003-Estt.(A-IV) dated 18.06.10 and 05.08.10 refer].

(ii) For purchase of Air tickets, however, the procedure as given under para 2 (iv) above should be followed.

4. All Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India are requested to strictly adhere to these instructions.

  
(Karan Singh)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To,  
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The Ministry of Civil Aviation may refer to their OM No. AV.1811/04/2010-AI dated 12.07.2011, wherein clarifications have been issued regarding air travel on Tour/LTC.

2. The M/o Civil Aviation is advised that while considering cases for relaxation to travel by airlines other than Air India, for journeys to be performed while availing of LTC by Govt. officials, the relaxation should be given in exceptional cases only, whenever justified and not in a routine manner, as Govt. officials have the option to reschedule their air travel, while availing LTC.

3. This has the approval of Joint Secretary(Personnel).

  
(A. Bhattacharya)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

US, M/o Civil Aviation, New Delhi

M/o Finance, D/o Exp. I.D. No. 19024/1/2009-E.IV dt. 28.07.2011.