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Dear Praful Pateli

As you are aware, many Armed Forces and Paramilitary Forces personnel sacrifice their lives in the service of the nation – fighting terrorism and other security challenges. Upon their deaths, their families are left to fend for themselves.

The families of such martyrs are entitled to use a privileged travel by air to the desired domestic location. However, the privilege is not being utilized by many as it has a lot of problems and needs to be modified so that it actually serves the purpose of facilitating the martyr's family.

Here are a few problems involved in using the privilege, along with suggested solutions :

1. The rebate on flight charges is currently provided only on Indian airlines. This should be applicable to all the private airlines as well.

The reasons being –

- Availability of an Indian Airlines flight for the required destination could be bleak.
 - The availability of the flight may not be at a convenient time. This forces the passengers to take a private airline
 - Flight charges are sometimes cheaper in private airlines than the Indian Airlines.
2. The 50% discount on India Airlines flights is made available to only 'M' class. The discounted amount on this class is greater than the other economy class prices. Hence the discount needs to be made available to all the classes.
 3. Martyrs wives should be entitled annually to 2 free tickets (which includes to and fro for each ticket) from their domicile to any destination in India.



4. Air ticket needs to be booked from the office. There is no online facility available to book the tickets. The authenticity of the user could be found by giving an identification ID to the person, which could be used to book the tickets online.

I urge you to look into the matter at the earliest.

Yours Sincerely,


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