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*Honble Vice President,*

Subject: TA/DA of Members of Parliament

I write regarding recent media reports that some Members of Parliament claim huge amount of TA/DA by booking air tickets at surge pricing because of last minute bookings. I believe that this practice should be examined forthwith and stopped. This is clearly costing Parliament and taxpayers more than envisaged and also creates a legitimate concern of abuse and misuse.

Since all the Parliament Sessions and the Committee meetings are announced well in time, there is no reason that tickets should be bought at such high prices at the last minute; and as such, I suggest that the Rules and Procedures for reimbursement/payment needs to be changed, perhaps prohibiting buying tickets at high prices making this general practice and buying high priced tickets as exception to the rule - capping that at perhaps 2 or 3 exceptions a year. Another approach could be perhaps to cap TA/DA entitlements.

I am sure that you would agree that the Members of Parliament and their allowances are a matter of public interest and must withstand scrutiny of the public. Reforms and strict rules in this area will help strengthen confidence in Parliament as an institution and MPs as their accountable representatives in the minds of our citizens.

Yours sincerely,

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