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SUB:- Air Travel on official account- both domestic and international.

References are invited to the Circulars:-

- (i) No. EP.10-2006-14 dated 24th May, 2006 regarding air travel within India and regulations of journeys by private airlines while availing LTC; and
- (ii) No. EP.10-2009017 dated 25th June, 2009 regarding travel entitlement for the purpose of Leave Travel Concession.

2. The Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance has issued revised instructions on air travel on official account both for domestic and international journeys vide their OM No. 19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 13th July, 2009 (copy enclosed).

3. As per modified instructions in all the cases of air travel, both domestic and international, where the Govt. bears the cost of air passage, the officials concerned are to travel only by **Air India**. 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 airlines which should also preferably be an alliance partner of Air India. In case of any deviation from these instructions, individual cases are required to be referred to the Ministry of Civil Aviation for relaxation.

4. As per DPE guidelines on the above matter, the Govt. instructions are to be followed in the Corporation. Therefore, it has been decided with the approval of competent authority to follow the modified orders as contained in ibid OM

5. All the administrative authorities in the Corporation are requested to bring the above instructions to the notice of all concerned and ensure these are followed scrupulously.

6. The instructions contained in circulars under reference, stand modified to the extent indicated above.


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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
(Department of Expenditure)

New Delhi, the 13th July, 2005.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

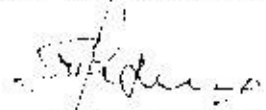
In partial modification of this Ministry's OM No. F. No. 7(2)/F. Coord/2005 dated 23rd November, 2005 and in supersession of this Ministry's OM No. 19024/1/F.IV/2005 dated 24.3.2006, it has been decided that in all cases of air travel, both domestic and international, where the Government of India bears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


(Y.P. Sehgal)

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To

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2. All Financial Advisers
3. All Heads of Public Sector Enterprises