Subject: Clarification on journey undertaken by air by Air India/Private airlines.

The undersigned is directed to invite a reference to the subject mentioned above and to say that the State Government has issued instructions vide O.M. No. Fin(C)B(7)-1/97 dated 20th November, 1999 regarding International Travel of Government Officers/officials. The instruction says that the Govt. officers/officials who are required to travel abroad should undertake the journeys by Air India flights.

2. It has also come to the notice that as a result of opening of air space to private operators, fares of private airlines are equal or at times less than those at Air India flights. Various references have also been received in this Department for advice/clarification regarding authorized mode of journey performed by air other than Air India.

3. At present on-line facilities for the journey undertaken by all those private airlines which are registered under the Policy/Rules/Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, New Delhi are available, vide which it can be ensured airfare charged by these airlines is comparable to that of Air India.
In order to promote economy measures while giving the Govt. servants an option to choose from a range of services, it has now been decided that it will be optional and open for officers/officials of the State Government who undertake journey by private airlines other than Air India, if it is more economical and such officers/officials will be permitted to travel by Economy Class only. However, it is clarified that charges of travel agencies for booking of tickets will not be reimbursed in any case.

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