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Government of India  
Ministry of Civil Aviation  
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B-Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan,  
Safdarjung Airport,  
New Delhi, Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026

To,  
The Director General  
Directorate General of Civil Aviation  
New Delhi

**Subject: Keeping in abeyance the direction regarding offering of at least 60% seats free of charge-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 17.03.2026 regarding strengthening of passenger facilitation measures by scheduled airlines providing *at least 60% of the seats in any flight shall be offered free of charge.*

2. The matter has been reviewed in light of representations received from the Federation of Indian Airlines and Akasa Air, highlighting operational and commercial implications of the above provision, including its potential impact on fare structures and consistency with the prevailing deregulated tariff regime.

3. In view of the above, and pending a comprehensive examination of the issue, it has been decided that the provision relating to offering at least 60% of seats free of charge shall be kept in abeyance till further orders.

4. DGCA may, however, ensure continued enforcement of other passenger facilitation measures contained in the aforesaid letter, including transparency in seat allocation, co-seating of passengers on the same PNR, carriage of musical instruments, sports equipment & pets and clear disclosure of applicable charges.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
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