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## QUESTION NO.†1941 SUBMISSION OF PASSPORT IN SAUDI ARABIA

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RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1941  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018

### SUBMISSION OF PASSPORT IN SAUDI ARABIA

†1941 CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in Saudi Arabia, crew members of Indian Airlines have to submit their passport with the immigration officer of that country during their stay over there;
- (b) whether discrimination is done with the Indian crew members in Saudi Arabia by not giving them freedom of stay as is available to the crew members of other countries; and
- (c) whether the Ministry will take necessary steps in this regard to bring the equality by negotiating with Government over there for persuading them not to submit passports of crew members as is done with the crew members of other countries?

ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M.J. AKBAR)

(a) & (b) As per procedure followed by the Saudi authorities, all foreign flight crew members arriving in Saudi Arabia, irrespective of their nationalities or flight carriers, are required to submit the passports with the Saudi immigration authorities and in turn are issued 'crew permit' for stay.

(c) Does not arise.

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