

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 663
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd December 2024
UNREASONABLE HIKE IN AIRFARES DURING FESTIVALS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government is aware that there is an unreasonable hike in fares by airlines during the festivals, which makes it impossible for the general public to avail air services during festivals;

(b) the hike in air fares for flights to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during Deepawali and Chhath festival in November 2024 as compared to fares in normal days; and

(c) the details of fares for flights to all airports in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar from January to November 2024?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): With the enhancement of capacity by induction of more aircraft fleet, modernization of airports and development of new airports, domestic passenger traffic has increased to 153,674,310 in -2023-24 as compared to 136,028,656 in the year 2022- 23. Even in the current financial year 2024-25 upto- September, the domestic passenger traffic(79,345,065) has surpassed the volume (75,358,445) during the corresponding period in the year 2023-24, reflecting a growth of 5.3%.

Airfares are not subject to regulation by the Government. Airlines have the flexibility to determine their airfares based on their operational needs, while adhering to Rule 135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. When setting prices, airlines consider various factors such as market conditions, demand fluctuations, seasonal trends, and other pertinent market influences. This approach allows them to adjust fares in a way that reflects the current travel landscape.

The airfares from the airport in UP & Bihar to other cities in the country is placed as Annexure.

Annexure

| | Jan.'24 | Feb.'24 | Mar.'24 | Apr.'24 | May.'24 | Jun.'24 | Jul.'24 | Aug.'24 | Sep.'24 | Oct.'24 | Nov.'24(upto 20th) |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| Sector | Average | Average | Average | Average | Average | Average | Average | Average | Average | Average | Average |
| Bengaluru-Lucknow | 7380 | 8883 | 8850 | 9361 | 6519 | 7320 | 6114 | 7418 | 6540 | 12156 | 7516 |
| Kolkata-Lucknow | 6876 | 6747 | 6929 | 6949 | 6120 | 6216 | 5431 | 6014 | 5036 | 7481 | 8229 |
| Lucknow-Bengaluru | 8564 | 7882 | 9116 | 8611 | 9199 | 8136 | 7316 | 7250 | 6238 | 6410 | 12710 |
| Lucknow-Kolkata | 6290 | 5939 | 7698 | 7653 | 6320 | 6594 | 5021 | 5681 | 5256 | 7867 | 8374 |
| Lucknow-Mumbai | 7104 | 7279 | 8163 | 7073 | 8768 | 7024 | 5923 | 6097 | 5215 | 5090 | 12587 |
| Mumbai-Lucknow | 7126 | 8129 | 9298 | 13490 | 8185 | 7683 | 5787 | 5666 | 5004 | 10885 | 8641 |
| Delhi-Patna | 5820 | 6057 | 7042 | 7949 | 6022 | 7906 | 5264 | 5008 | 4738 | 9642 | 8028 |
| Hyderabad-Patna | 7475 | 9409 | 9537 | 10942 | 7389 | 8240 | 7157 | 6797 | 6382 | 10789 | 8589 |
| Mumbai-Patna | 10554 | 13583 | 13190 | 15372 | 9190 | 11591 | 8260 | 7498 | 7401 | 15265 | 12376 |
| Patna-Delhi | 7061 | 6022 | 6574 | 6968 | 5864 | 6010 | 6752 | 5610 | 5075 | 5720 | 10030 |
| Patna-Hyderabad | 8625 | 8406 | 8339 | 8570 | 9057 | 9112 | 9072 | 7533 | 6039 | 6551 | 9876 |
| Patna-Mumbai | 11870 | 12290 | 12648 | 11220 | 11330 | 10473 | 10443 | 8794 | 8091 | 8456 | 15397 |

All fares are in INR
 Fares are of Non-stop direct flights of economy class
 Fare monitored within 60 days to 1 day prior as per approved cycle
 Includes Taxes , Charges