

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1650**  
**(To be answered on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2017)**

**Cost of Air Travel**

**1650. DR. P. VENUGOPAL**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the cost of long distance air travel in the country is Rs.5/- per kilometre which is equivalent to auto rickshaw fares, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the demand for aviation services in the country is continuously increasing, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sixteen crore people in the country either travelled on a domestic or international flight last fiscal compared to thirteen crore people who travelled in air conditioned rail coaches; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to meet the growing demand in aviation sector?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Jayant Sinha)**

(a) & (b): No analysis has been made by Directorate General of Civil Aviation in this regard. However, number of passenger travelled and corresponding growth in domestic as well as international during the year 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 (Provisional) (in million) is as follows:

Year	International	Domestic	Total
2013-14	46.62	122.30	168.92
2014-15	50.80	139.33	190.13
2015-16	54.66	169.30	223.96
2016-17	59.29	205.68	264.97

(c): No specific survey has been done in this regard. However, based on the available data, the turnover of Indian airlines industry during 2015-16 is estimated to be Rs. 1.5 lakh crore (including foreign airlines serving in India) which is close to the revenue of Indian Railways (Rs. 1.68 lakh crore) during the year 2015-16. The total number of Indian airlines passengers during 2016

was approx 11 crores while the total number of passengers on Indian Railways' air conditioned coaches was approx 12 crores.

(d): The development of airport infrastructure is a continuous process, which depends on the forecast of demand. Government has already prepared action plan for meeting the high growth in domestic air passenger traffic by constructing new Terminal Building, expanding existing Terminal Buildings, operationalizing the non-operational airports/ airstrips and constructing Civil Enclaves in defence airports.

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Year	Domestic	International	Total
2013-14	46.12	137.30	183.42
2012-13	50.81	139.23	190.04
2011-12	51.02	149.30	200.32
2010-11	52.24	152.64	204.88

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