

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1016
(To be answered on the 27th June 2019)**

INCREASE OF AIR TRAVELLERS

1016. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the number of air travellers has increased in recent years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether air fares have also shown increasing trend in recent years; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for increased number of passengers not resulting in decrease in air fares?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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- (a): Details of the passenger growth, as submitted by the airlines as part of monthly submission of traffic data, are placed at Annexure-1.
- (b) & (c): Airfares are dynamic in nature and depend on supply and demand. It is stated that with the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March, 1994, the provision of air fare approval was dispensed with by the Government. As per prevailing regulation, all scheduled domestic airlines are required to display route-wise and category-wise fares on their respective websites. With a view to maintain transparency, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) monitors airfares on certain routes selected on random basis to ensure that the airlines do not charge airfares outside the range declared by them. The fare monitoring analysis carried out in the recent past has shown that the airfares remained well within the fare bucket uploaded by the airlines on the respective websites.

Growth-Domestic Passengers		
Year	Passenger Carried in Lakhs	Passenger Growth(%)
2013	614.25	-
2014	673.82	9.7
2015	810.91	20.3
2016	998.88	23.2
2017	1171.76	17.3
2018	1389.76	18.6
2019 (till May)	586.54	2.6