

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 174  
(To be answered on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023)**

**PRICE RISE IN AIRFARE**

**174. KUNWAR DANISH ALI**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether there has been a sharp rise in the prices of airline tickets in the last few months which has made it difficult for people to afford air travel and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any scheme to make air travel accessible and affordable to all;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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(a) to (d) Airfares are market driven and are neither regulated nor established by the Government. Airlines are free to fix reasonable tariffs taking into consideration all relevant factors which include the cost of operation, characteristics of service and reasonable profit. Airlines, however, remain compliant with the regulatory provisions under Aircraft Rules, 1937 as long as the fare charged by them does not exceed the fare established and displayed on their website.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has established Tariff Monitoring Unit which monitors fares on select sectors on random basis. This ensures that the airfares charged by the airlines are within the established tariff of the airlines, which is displayed on their website. Increase in airfare is primarily driven by seasonality, and demand-supply constraints and is also attributable to increase in fuel prices. Government has taken steps to sensitise the airlines. The airfares in these select sectors are monitored on daily basis and as a result of which they have shown a declining trend.

Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. The scheme has been able to provide air connectivity to Tier-2 & Tier-3 cities across the country at affordable airfares and has transformed the way people travel.

Under the UDAN Scheme, the Government has targeted an indicative airfare at Rs. 2500

**for a distance of 500 km to 600 km per RCS seat under Regional Connectivity routes (equivalent to one-hour flight). Selected Airline Operator is required to provide up to 50% of the aircraft seating capacity or maximum 40 seats, whichever is lower, as Seats in a fixed wing aircraft under UDAN. This airfare is subject to indexation as per the formula specified in the UDAN Scheme document.**

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