

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 150  
(To be answered on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021)**

**HIGH AIRFARE**

**\*150. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

**(a) whether the Government is aware of very high airfare charged by airlines for the flights in Gulf-Kerala sector operated under air bubble and if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether the Government has received any representation in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)**

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**(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 150 REGARDING 'HIGH AIRFARE' TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021**

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Civil Aviation has received a representation dated 29.09.2020 from Shri P.K. Kunhalikutty, the then Hon'ble MP(LS) and a letter dated 30.10.2020 from the Government of Kerala regarding high airfare on the Kerala-Bahrain sector.

As on date there are severe restrictions on categories of passengers eligible to travel from India to the Gulf countries. In addition the COVID situation has added to the cost of operations towards PPE kits, sanitizers, etc. However, the airfares on Gulf-Kerala routes under the air bubble are generally comparable with the fares charged by the airlines in pre-Covid times (Summer 2019 schedule). Details of sector-wise average fares charged by foreign carriers and Indian carriers on the Gulf-Kerala sector are attached at Annexure.

Fares in the air bubbles are dependent on market forces. With the repeal of the Air Corporations Act in March 1994, the tariff fixation has been deregulated and airlines are free to fix reasonable tariffs under the provisions of sub-rule (1) of rule 135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. Therefore, no action is called for on the part of the Government in this regard.

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## Sector-wise average fares charged by foreign carriers on the Gulf Kerala sector

Country	Airline	Origin	Destination	Average Fares	
				S19 Schedule	Air Bubble
Oman	Oman Air Salam Air	Muscat	Trivandrum	₹ 10,500	₹ 10,200
		Muscat	Cochin	₹ 10,800	₹ 12,000
		Muscat	Trivandrum	NA	₹ 10,500
		Muscat	Kozhikode	NA	₹ 10,500
UAE	Emirates	Dubai	Trivandrum	₹ 11,510	₹ 17,538
		Dubai	Cochin	₹ 12,323	₹ 17,193
	Flydubai	Dubai	Trivandrum	NA	₹ 16,272
		Dubai	Cochin	₹ 16,286	₹ 16,272
		Dubai	Kozhikode	₹ 16,286	₹ 16,272
	Etihad	Abu Dhabi	Trivandrum	₹ 23,183	₹ 15,811
		Abu Dhabi	Cochin	₹ 25,565	₹ 15,306
		Abu Dhabi	Kozhikode	₹ 28,160	₹ 34,676
	Air Arabia	Sharjah	Trivandrum	₹ 11,000	₹ 11,000
		Sharjah	Cochin	₹ 11,740	₹ 11,740
		Sharjah	Kozhikode	₹ 13,740	₹ 13,740
Kuwait	Kuwait Airways	Kuwait	Trivandrum	₹ 24,600	₹ 25,175
		Kuwait	Cochin	₹ 23,700	₹ 22,940
	Jazeera Airways	Kuwait	Cochin	₹ 14,351	₹ 15,331
Qatar	Qatar Airways	Doha	Trivandrum	₹ 51,579	₹ 67,673
		Doha	Cochin	₹ 58,316	₹ 65,503
		Doha	Kozhikode	₹ 70,743	₹ 68,647
Bahrain	Gulf Air	Bahrain	Trivandrum	₹ 36,046	₹ 30,790
		Bahrain	Cochin	₹ 35,620	₹ 30,790
		Bahrain	Kozhikode	₹ 35,680	₹ 30,790

**ANNEXURE TO LS STARRED QUESTION NO.150**

**Sector-wise average fares charged by Indian carriers on the Gulf Kerala sector**

Country	Origin	Destination	Air India Express		Indigo	
			Average Fares		Average Fares	
			S19 Schedule	Air Bubble	S19 Schedule	Air Bubble
Oman	Muscat	Trivandrum	₹ 16,757	₹ 19,900	NA	NA
	Muscat	Cochin	₹ 15,902	₹ 20,044	NA	NA
	Muscat	Kozhikode	₹ 13,697	₹ 16,319	NA	NA
	Muscat	Kannur	₹ 12,282	₹ 17,827	NA	NA
	Salalah	Trivandrum	₹ 15,898	₹ 19,025	NA	NA
	Salalah	Cochin	₹ 16,225	₹ 18,350	NA	NA
	Salalah	Kozhikode	₹ 16,709	₹ 17,811	NA	NA
	Salalah	Kannur	₹ 16,850	₹ 17,897	NA	NA
UAE	Dubai	Trivandrum	₹ 15,430	₹ 10,693	NA	₹ 7,614
	Dubai	Cochin	₹ 15,127	₹ 9,116	₹ 11,377	₹ 6,170
	Dubai	Kozhikode	₹ 14,030	₹ 9,977	NA	₹ 14,807
	Dubai	Kannur			₹ 11,636	₹ 3,706
	Ras Al Khaimah	Kozhikode	₹ 14,563	₹ 9,285	NA	NA
	Abu Dhabi	Trivandrum	₹ 16,458	₹ 15,534	₹ 11,092	₹ 8,737
	Abu Dhabi	Cochin	₹ 15,074	₹ 14,013	₹ 12,019	₹ 9,031
	Abu Dhabi	Kozhikode	₹ 14,106	₹ 14,022	₹ 14,030	₹ 9,929
	Abu Dhabi	Kannur	₹ 14,732	₹ 14,148	NA	NA
	Sharjah	Trivandrum	₹ 14,356	₹ 10,058	NA	₹ 5,624
	Sharjah	Cochin	₹ 15,159	₹ 9,593	₹ 11,201	₹ 6,383
	Sharjah	Kozhikode	₹ 13,870	₹ 9,681	₹ 12,106	NA
	Sharjah	Kannur	₹ 15,561	₹ 11,122	₹ 17,101	NA
Kuwait	Kuwait	Trivandrum	₹ 14,864	₹ 15,688	₹ 13,967	₹ 15,657
	Kuwait	Cochin	₹ 14,829	₹ 18,194	NA	₹ 15,796
	Kuwait	Kozhikode	₹ 14,803	₹ 18,191	NA	₹ 6,713
	Kuwait	Kannur	₹ 14,804	₹ 17,947	₹ 6,125	₹ 5,910
Qatar	Doha	Trivandrum	₹ 15,162	₹ 11,858	₹ 14,152	₹ 10,039
	Doha	Cochin	₹ 15,162	₹ 10,838	₹ 13,470	₹ 10,704
	Doha	Kozhikode	₹ 14,249	₹ 12,185	₹ 10,547	₹ 5,758
	Doha	Kannur	₹ 15,386	₹ 12,062	₹ 10,078	₹ 11,313
Bahrain	Bahrain	Trivandrum	₹ 18,275	₹ 21,144	NA	NA
	Bahrain	Cochin	₹ 18,285	₹ 21,168	NA	NA
	Bahrain	Kozhikode	₹ 18,265	₹ 21,155	NA	NA
	Bahrain	Kannur	₹ 18,314	₹ 21,240	NA	NA