

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3078
(To be answered on the 16th December 2021)**

HIGH PRICE OF COVID-19 TESTS AT AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that some airports in the country including Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Shamshahbad in Hyderabad and Kerala are conducting Covid-19 tests for national/ international passengers at higher price than normal market ratio and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any complaints/representations in this regard and if so, the details thereof and actions taken thereon; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to check above issue?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): Concerned Airport Operators have informed that they are charging Rs. 500/- at Kannur, Cochin, Bengaluru, Delhi and Rs. 750/- at Hyderabad International airports for Standard RT-PCR test. There are two type of tests i.e. Standard RT-PCR test and Rapid RT-PCR (Molecular Test Systems) at the airport. The rates for standard RT-PCR are generally decided and notified by the respective State/UT Governments, which are followed by the laboratories operating at the airports.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW) has issued the revised guidelines on 30th November, 2021 in the view of reporting of a new variant named Omicron, classified as a variant of concern. Ministry of Civil Aviation in coordination with MoHFW and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is implementing these guidelines at International Airports. Ministry of Civil Aviation continuously monitors the implementation of the revised guideline of MoHFW and takes appropriate actions based on the evolving situation.
