

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3986
(To be answered on the 19th December 2024)**

HIKE IN UDF CHARGES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of ownership/control of Airports in the country and UDF charges per passenger at the airports; and**
(b) whether the Government intervenes to rein in exorbitant UDF hikes by airports and if so, the details thereof along with the results therein during 2023-24 and 2024-25?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): As on date, there are 158 Operational Airports in the country, list of which along with details of their owners and operators is at Annexure-A.

Government of India has set up an Independent Economic Regulator namely, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) under the AERA Act, 2008. AERA determines aeronautical charges of all the major airports such as landing, parking and User Development Fee (UDF) inter-alia considering the factors such as Return on Investment for aeronautical assets, Operating expenditure, Depreciation, Tax, etc. AERA aims to optimally balance the interest of service provider and the end user and ensures that the airport operator maintains and operates the airport with reasonable return on investment consisting with risk profile by following the statute provisions and tariff guidelines which protects the interests of Airport Operator, Airlines and passengers, at large.

The UDF as approved by AERA for Major Airports in FY 2024-25 is at Annexure B

For non major airports, UDF is approved by Ministry of Civil Aviation. These are categorised into three categories, namely Cluster-1 (more than 1 mppa),

Cluster-2 (0.1 mppa to 1 mppa) and Cluster-3 (less than 0.1 mppa). Details of UDF at non-major airports during FY 2024-25 is as under:

Category	Type of Pax	(In Rs. Per Pax)	
		Domestic	International
Cluster-1	Embarking	709	
Cluster-2	Embarking	625	
Cluster-3	Embarking	184	
