

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4535**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th March 2026 )

**AVAILABILITY OF HYGIENE PRODUCTS AT AIRPORTS**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines or advisories to airport operators including the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and private airport concessionaires regarding the mandatory availability of menstrual hygiene products at the airports of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of airports where sanitary napkin vending machines and/or free menstrual product dispensers are currently installed, category-wise including metro, non-metro, international and domestic;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment or audit regarding the functionality, maintenance, pricing and accessibility of such vending machines and disposal facilities and if so, the findings thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to mandate the provision of free or subsidised menstrual hygiene products at all airports of the country as part of passenger amenities and gender-inclusive infrastructure and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): The provision of menstrual hygiene facilities at airports is guided by broader Government policies relating to sanitation, public health and gender-inclusive infrastructure, which emphasize access to menstrual hygiene products, adequate sanitation and safe disposal mechanisms in public spaces. In line with these principles, airport operators, including AAI and private concessionaires, have been facilitating such facilities at airports.

Currently the facility of sanitary napkin vending machines and/or menstrual hygiene product dispensing facilities have been installed at 73 airports owned and operated by Airports Authority of India out of which 57 are domestic airports, 16 are international airports. In addition, menstrual hygiene products are available at many airports through vending machines (including free and subsidized dispensing) installed in female washrooms for passengers and staff, as well as through pharmaceutical outlets within terminal premises.

(c) & (d): Airport operators ensure the functionality, maintenance, pricing and accessibility of passenger amenities, including menstrual hygiene facilities, as part of their overall operational and service obligations. These facilities are maintained through routine inspections, housekeeping and facility management systems, as part of their regular operational process. Airport operators, including AAI and private concessionaires, are expected to continue improving the availability and accessibility of such facilities in line with evolving passenger needs and service standards.

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