

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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FOOD PRICES AND PARKING CHARGES AT AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION **नागर विमानन मंत्री** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the prices of food and beverage and the parking charges at various airports of the country are very high and beyond the affordability of the common traveller;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the concrete steps taken so far to regulate these rates;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to establish any price-control mechanism or issue guidelines to ensure affordable prices for essential goods and food items at airports and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any policy has been proposed to make parking charges reasonable and ensure transparency in order to provide relief to passengers and the general public; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (e): To address the demand for affordable food options, several airports have already taken initiatives to introduce low-cost outlets. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) introduced the concept of 'Udan Yatri Cafe' at Kolkata Airport as an initiative to offer affordable meals to passengers. The facility of 'Udan Yatri Cafe' has been extended to Chennai, Ahmedabad, Pune, Bhubaneswar, Vijayawada and Hollongi Airports as well. Further, the introduction of 'Udan Yatri Cafe' or similar low-cost outlets at other airports is at the discretion of the respective airport operators.

The vehicle parking charges at airports owned by AAI are levied based on the category of the airport and are kept at reasonable levels.

Vehicle parking rates, food and water prices, etc., form part of non-aeronautical revenue streams. The rates for such services are determined by airport operators and concessionaires based on market dynamics and commercial considerations, as these are not regulated by the Government.
