

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION OF FARE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that many foreign Airlines have reduced their fares recently;
- (b) if so, whether it has adversely affected IA and AI;
- (c) if so, whether the Air India and Indian Airlines are contemplating to reduce the air fare from Gulf countries to Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) and (b):- Airlines keep on adjusting their fares based on seasonality, demand and availability of seats. Air India and Indian Airlines also respond to these changes in a competitive manner.

(c) and (d):- Indian Airlines has reduced fares on certain sectors between Kerala and Gulf by 5% to 29% in July 2003. Now there is peak demand on Indian-Gulf sectors as the vacations are coming to an end. Therefore Air India has no plans for any reduction in fares in near future.