

Title: Need to revise airfare structure for flights operating in Calcutta-Aizwal sector.

SHRI VANLAL ZAWMA (MIZORAM): The operationalization of the Aizwal airport is a milestone in the history of Mizoram. We thank the Central Government and in particular, the Ministry of Civil Aviation for the active and dedicated involvement in bringing up the new airport within a remarkably short period. The initial operation of three scheduled flights by the Boeing 737 aircraft, which is now increased to four flights a week, provides efficient and reliable communication facility to the people of Mizoram. However, in the midst of all the good things stated above, we are unable to understand the existing extraordinary high fare structure on this route, i.e. Calcutta-Aizwal route. As compared to other places in the North Eastern region, the airfare charged in Calcutta-Aizwal sector is exceptionally high for reasons not known to us. The State Government took up this point several times with the Indian Airlines, the operating Airline and also with the Ministry of Civil Aviation. I myself also brought it to the notice of the Indian airlines authority and the Ministry of Civil Aviation more than once. But till now, no positive response is received.

I request the Union Government to take remedial measure by way of review and revision of the fare structure in Calcutta-Aizwal sector and put this sector at par with other sectors in the North Eastern Region.