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Title: Problems being faced by people of Kerala due to rise in Air-fare.

SHRI S. AJAYA KUMAR (OTTAPALAM): Sir, a lot of people are employed in the Gulf countries. They visit their homeland during the summer vacations and people from Kerala also undertake visits to Gulf countries when the schools are closed during the summer vacations. But the airlines which operate between the Gulf from Cochin and Thiruvananthapuram and *vice versa* are over-charging the passengers during this summer season. They charge Rs. 5000/- more per passenger than they charged before the summer vacations. There is no difference in case of Air India as well. This airline was introduced for the service of the common man who cannot fly at higher fares. Due to this steep increase in air fare, people are not able to take their long cherished journeys to their destinations. I am unable to understand when the air fare for all other sectors have come down so heavily, why is the fare for this sector is having a steep increase in fare? Is it a fact that the losses being incurred by reduced fares in other sectors are being compensated by the increase in the airfare of this sector? [\[R74\]](#)

I would also like to inform you that many Airlines are not even issuing economy class tickets and they are insisting the passengers to buy only business class tickets to earn extra income.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing should be recorded.

*(Interruptions) ❗\**

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\* Not recorded.