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Title: Regarding high airfare charged by airlines from Kerala to Gulf countries- Laid

ADV. A.M. ARIFF (ALAPPUZHA): Urgent intervention from the Government is needed for controlling excessive rates being charged by the Air India and other Private Airlines between Kerala and Gulf sector. It is quite unfortunate that these airlines are now charging unbelievable ticket rates between Kerala and Gulf sector. More than 1.5 million Keralites are working in the Gulf countries and out of this, 80 per cent of the employees are working in the lower salaried group. Due to this hike in prices of Air ticket, Malayalees are forced to cancel their trips as they can't afford the ticket price. The rates charged by Air India and other private airlines from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to Cochin is nearly Rs. 50000-80000 in economy class. No one can believe this price. Our National carrier Air India has also hiked the price of tickets exorbitantly. I would request the Government to interfere in this matter and bring an end to this.