

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether tour packages abroad are cheaper than within India;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to reduce the air fare with a view to attract more passengers?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c): Tour packages are offered by tour operators based on customer preference and market economics. Tourist packages offered in different countries are not comparable. Steps taken to promote tourism are expeditious approvals of tourist charter applications, option to operate to more airports in the country, having more international gateways, facilitating more convenient airport handling and general improvement of tourist infrastructure in the country.