

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LANDING AND NAVIGATION COSTS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the landing and navigation costs at the Indian Airports is much higher than most of the other airports in developed countries;
- (b) whether this high cost put a heavy financial burden on the Indian Airlines and the Air India on their operating costs;
- (c) the comparative figures of the landing and navigating costs at some of the other airports; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to bring down the cost at par with the other comparable airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) :- India is ranked at 115 out of 224 airports in terms of charges for B-747 aircraft, as far as landing and take off are concerned. The charges at Indian airports are US\$ 2,285 as against the highest charges of US\$10,292 at Frankfurt Airport, Germany and lowest charges of US\$ 101 at Guinea Bissau Airport for B-747 aircraft. India charges Rs.8040 to Rs.27451 for Route Navigational Facility Charges (RNFC) depending on distance of 100 to 2000 Nautical Miles, as compared to charges in Australia (Rs.5258 to Rs.105162), Brazil (Rs.11141 to Rs.222824), Canada (Rs.3824 to Rs.76472) and Euro Control (Rs.11876 to Rs.237520) for B-747 aircraft. RNFC is low in India when compared to other countries in the world. However, the charges vary with the level of traffic and the earning from non-traffic revenue sources.

With effect from 1st October 2002 AAI has restructured its Navigational charges from weight basis to weight cum distance basis in consultation with International Air Transport Association and with due approval of Government of India which has benefited the domestic carriers by about 20%.