

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN FARE IN NE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Airlines has sought the Government's permission to increase its fares in the North-East sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) its impact on air travel in the remote area of NE?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The fares to/from and within the North Eastern Region have been kept at a level lower than the fares in the rest of the country, keeping in view the communication and transportation problems peculiar to the region. As a result Indian Airlines' basic fares in the North East Region are, at an average, lower by about 10% as compared to other comparable sectors in India.

In order to reduce the fare differential in the North East, Indian airlines has proposed to revise the fares in 17 sectors in the North Eastern Region and bring them at par with sectors of comparable distance in the rest of India.

(c): The proposed increase in fares on the North East sectors is not likely to have an adverse impact on air travel in the North Eastern Region, as per the estimate of Indian Airlines.