

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:63
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INCREASE IN AIR FARES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether complaints have been received from the NRI's of the Middle East countries regarding the irrational increase of fare by Air India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) whether the existing fares charged by Air India are higher than the other foreign airlines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) Yes, sir
- (b) Eleven Kuwait based social organization of Indian expatriates have submitted a representation regarding fare hike on Kuwait - India sector effective February, 2003.
- (c) & (d):- No Sir. The increase in airfare to India from Kuwait effected in February this year was due to the decision of the Yield Improvement Committee headed by Kuwait Airways. All airlines operating out of Kuwait, including Air India, followed suit.