

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:101  
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2003  
HIKE IN AIR FARE  
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO;GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

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

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines and Air India and some other private operators recently hiked the passenger and cargo fares;
- (b) if so, the extent of increase indicating the revised and the previous fares; and
- (c) the reasons for such a hike?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) and (c):- A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A),(B) AND (C) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 101 DATED 28.7.2003 REGARDING HIKE IN AIR FARE.

(a)&(b) :- Indian Airlines, Jet Airways and Sahara Airlines have increased their Rupee fares for passengers on domestic sectors by 15% w.e.f. 26.3.2003. On international sector, Indian Airlines has increased its fares from India to South-East Asia by 7-18%, on select routes, w.e.f. 5.4.2003 and Air India has increased its international passenger fares by 5% w.e.f. 15-4-2003 from India to USA, Canada, Europe, Middle East, South East Asia, Japan, Korea and Australia.

Indian Airlines and Jet Airways have not effected any increase in their cargo tariffs in the year 2003, whereas Air Sahara has increased it by 7-10% from January, 2003 onwards. Air India has increased the rates for perishable cargo from Mumbai to the Gulf and Middle East by Rs. 2/- perkg. w.e.f. 1-3-2003 and to London from Rs. 65,000/- per container to Rs. 77,000/- per container w.e.f. 18-3-2003.

(c):- Domestic airlines have effected increase in air fares in order to offset the increase in the cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel and other operating costs. Air India has followed the general fare increase decided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). The cargo rates of Air India traditionally go up in the months of April, May and June every year as this is the peak season for export of perishable commodities and come down again in July.