

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1859

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CHEAPER AIR SERVICE

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has mandated the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) to conduct a study and recommend ways and means to lower air tariffs;
- (b) if so, whether the NCAER has since submitted its report to the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) whether any other modalities have been worked out to lower the air tariffs of Indian Airlines and Air India?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c) & (d):- On 14.8.2003, Government has entrusted the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) Delhi with a study on various aspects of domestic Civil Aviation Sector. The Terms of Reference of the study inter-alia include suggesting of means by which the domestic air travel could become more affordable. NCAER's report is awaited.