

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2940
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003
CHARTER FARE ON HAJ YATRA
A.F. GOLAM OSMANI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the mode of determining the charter fare payable to carriers for Haj 2004 flights;
- (b) whether the Haj charter fare has exceeded the current IATA fare during the last four or five years;
- (c) if so, the details of Haj charter fare paid to the carriers for the last five years, year-wise; and
- (d) the corresponding Delhi-Jeddah-Delhi return IATA fare by economy class?

Answer

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

(a): The charter fare for Haj 2004 has been retained at the same level as in the last two years US Dollar trend. This rate has been settled in negotiation with Saudi Arabian Airlines (SAA) as SAA is entitled to carry 50% of the Haj Pilgrims.

(b),(c) and (d): The Haj charter fare and IATA fares during the years from 1999 to 2003 are as under:-

Year	Total fare (Haj)	IATA Fare (Delhi-Jeddah-Delhi and Mumbai-Jeddah-Mumbai)
1999	Rs.27,855/-	Rs.29,960/-
2000	Rs.28,526/-	Rs.31,460/-
2001	#Rs.34,122/-	Rs.36,340/-
2002	#Rs.37,569/-	Rs.36,340/-
2003	#Rs.36,397/-	Rs.37,070/-

= provisional