

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON INFLIGHT CATERING SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the average expenditure incurred on providing inflight catering services per passenger in the Indian Airlines;
- (b) whether it is compulsory to provide meals even during the domestic flights which are of very short duration;
- (c) if so, the expenditure likely to be incurred on providing only snacks instead of meals; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to stop serving of meals during domestic flights and also to reduce the air fares and increasing income of Indian airlines thereby?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a): The average cost of catering services on Indian Airlines network is about Rs.125 per passenger.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c) and (d): The saving by serving snacks in place of meals will not be substantial and not at all advisable in the existing competitive market.