

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CHEAPER AIR FARE FOR STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various airlines have announced cheaper air fares for students travelling overseas for higher studies;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether such discounts by private airlines will increase their passenger shares as compared to national carriers on international sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (d): The Government does not regulate airline fares. It is for the airlines themselves to decide fares as per their commercial judgment and competition with the other airlines operating on a particular route and having regard to all relevant factors including their cost of operations, characteristics and level of service, profit if possible and the generally prevalent tariff. However, many airlines do offer discounted fares and higher baggage allowance to students.