

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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PROBLEMS DURING HAJ PILGRIMAGE  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether during the last Haj pilgrimage, difficulties were faced by Haj Pilgrims due to poor/messy flight operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to solve the problems; and
- (d) the steps the Government proposes to take to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future and to make Haj Yatra more affordable and convenient for the pilgrims?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a): No, Madam.

(b)and(c): Does not arise.

(d): While entering into MOU with the airlines, appropriate provisions are made for convenience of pilgrims and regarding strict adherence of the time schedule. During Haj-2011, each pilgrim paid only Rs.16,000 towards fare, which is perhaps the lowest fare being paid by any pilgrim from any country.