

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN FARES FOR HAJ PILGRIMS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the fares for Haj pilgrims has been increased;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reasons for inconveniences and ill-treatment meted out to Haj pilgrims?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The cost of travel per pilgrim for Airlines has increased considerably mainly due to increase in input costs, increase in embarkation points etc. However, the amount charged per pilgrim as travel cost has remained static since 1994 at Rs.12,000. It has been decided by the Government to increase this to Rs.16,000 from this year.

(c): Haj Phase-I has been completed satisfactorily and there has been no inconvenience or ill-treatment of Haj pilgrims.