

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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AIRPORT METRO FARE NO

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fare on Airport Metro from New Delhi to Dwarka is being charged higher than the other lines of same distance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the criteria fixed by the Government and private operator for fixing fare on the said line;
- (d) whether management and services on the said line is also of inferior quality in comparison to services on other lines and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to run the Airport Metro throughout the night; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSHI)

- (a) & (b):The Airport Express Metro Line is entirely different from other normal lines of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) as this line has mainly seating arrangement along with facility of check-in and baggage booking. There is extra space for hand baggage also in the trains. Accordingly it has a different fare structure as part of the concession agreement with the operator.
- (c):The Initial fare was fixed in the Concession Agreement (CA). In the CA, there is a provision for enhancement of fare after every two years based on 90% of variation in Wholesale Price Index occurring between two years time.
- (d):No, Madam.
- (e) & (f):No, Madam. About 4 – 5 hours are required daily for inspection and maintenance of trains and other systems installed on Airport Line and therefore during night, when traffic is very low, operations are stopped for regular maintenance.