

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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Draft Aviation Policy

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate a new National Civil Aviation Policy which envisages to make flying affordable to the common man;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Government proposes to revive/re-operationalise 400 unused airstrips in the country;
- d) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan prepared by the Government in this regard; and
- e) whether the Government also proposes to set up regional connectivity fund to subsidise airlines cost of operation between small towns and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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- a) Yes
- b) The details are as:- (i) air fare to be capped at Rs 2,500.00 for one hour flight. (ii) Build "no-frills" airports. (iii) Viability Gap Funding for the operators. (iv) Creation of Regional Connectivity Fund for Viability Gap Funding. (v) Levy of 2% on all domestic and international tickets on all routes, other than CAT IIA and RCS.
- c) Yes
- d) The details of the airports to be revived will depend upon the demand during implementation of the scheme.
- e) Yes, the draft Civil Aviation Policy includes a Regional Connectivity Fund as stated at point (b) (iv) and (v) above.