

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1994
(To be answered on the 22nd September 2020)**

FARE OF AIR TICKET DURING VANDE BHARAT MISSION

1994. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of citizens brought to the country by Air India under the Vande Bharat Mission during the lockdown;**
- (b) whether fare of Air India flights charged from the passengers from overseas, brought back under the Government protection were of the highest rate;**
- (c) the fare of Air India tickets from Delhi and Mumbai to the different cities of Britain and America before the lockdown;**
- (d) the fare charged from the passengers to Delhi and Mumbai from these cities after the lockdown; and**
- (e) whether high fare charged at the time of crisis is natural justice?**

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र पक्ष)

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(a): As per information provided by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), till 31.08.2020, about 4 lakh passengers were brought back to India by Air India group under the Vande Bharat Mission.

(b): No Sir. The fare structures on each sector are designed taking into account the cost of operations, the load factors, regulatory aspects etc.

(c) & (d): Details of fare slabs of Air India tickets from Delhi and Mumbai to the different cities of US and UK before the lockdown and fare charged from the passengers to Delhi and Mumbai from cities of US and UK after the lockdown is attached as Annexure 1 and Annexure 2.

(e): The fares for the repatriation flights operating under the Vande Bharat Mission cannot be compared with the fares of scheduled flights on the same route due to various reasons. On many sectors, the aircraft were travelling empty (ferry) on the outbound leg and fares were high as the cost of operations had to be recovered from the one-way load. Further, the aircraft had to make halt for longer hours at various legs of journey due to COVID restrictions. Also, the COVID situation has added to the cost of operations towards PPE kits, new guidelines for ground handling, sanitizers, etc. However, these fares were substantially lower than fares charged by some of the competitor airlines. With the establishment of Air Bubble arrangements with various countries, the fares have come down and reflect market conditions.

Annexure-1 (to LS USQ 1994)

Before Lockdown Fares from Delhi and Mumbai to Various Cities in America

		India to				
San Francisco (SFO)		Chicago (ORD)	Washington (IAD)	Newark(EWR)	New York (JFK)	
Cabin	Total Fare	Total Fare	Total Fare	Total Fare	Total Fare	
First Class	401632	401191	401284	403048	401284	
	354592	354151	354244	356008	354244	
Business Class	303632	287511	287604	289368	287604	
	244832	228711	228804	230568	228804	
	197792	181671	181764	183528	181764	
	166432	158151	158244	160008	158244	
Economy Class	139977	132293	132301	134096	132301	
	125277	117593	117601	119396	117601	
	114252	106568	106576	108371	106576	
	103227	95543	95551	97346	95551	
	94407	86723	86731	88526	86731	
	85587	77903	77911	79706	77911	
	78237	70553	70561	72356	70561	
	70887	63203	63211	65006	63211	
	65742	58058	58066	59861	58066	
	60597	52913	52921	54716	52921	
	55452	47768	47776	49571	47776	

After Lockdown Fares to Delhi and Mumbai from Various Cities in America

Phase I- To India from					
Total Fare in INR @75					
San Francisco (SFO)	Chicago (ORD)	Washington (IAD)	Newark(EWR)	New York (JFK)	
First	420,855	420,855	420,855	420,855	420,855
Business	279,075	252,855	252,855	252,855	252,855
Economy	102,105	102,105	105,855	102,105	102,105

Phase VI- To India from					
Total Fare in INR @75					
San Francisco (SFO)	Chicago (ORD)	Washington (IAD)	Newark(EWR)	New York (JFK)	
First Class	321,855	321,855	321,855	321,855	321,855
	304,605	304,605	304,605	304,605	304,605
Business Class	162,105	162,105	162,105	162,105	162,105
	154605	154605	154605	154605	154605
	147105	147105	147105	147105	147105
	139605	139605	139605	139605	139605
Economy Class	132105	132105	132105	132105	132105
	120855	120855	120855	120855	120855
	109605	109605	109605	109605	109605
	94605	94605	94605	94605	94605
	83355	83355	83355	83355	83355
	75855	75855	75855	75855	75855
	68355	68355	68355	68355	68355
	60855	60855	60855	60855	60855
	51855	51855	51855	51855	51855
45855	45855	45855	45855	45855	

PRE LOCKDOWN FARES FROM DELHI & MUMBAI TO UK				LOCKDOWN FARES TO DELHI & MUMBAI FROM UK		
<i>All figures in INR</i>				<i>All figures in INR</i>		
Delhi- London Heathrow		Mumbai- London Heathrow/ Stansted	Delhi- Birmingham	PH 1 FARES (Ex- London Heathrow)		
CABIN	TOTAL FARE			To Delhi		To Mumbai
FIRST	256407	257288	255175	FIRST	307188	314272
	209367	210248	208135	BUSINESS	172776	179860
BUSINESS	211719	210248	208135	ECONOMY	56856	60720
	159191	159400	151015	PH VI FARES EX UK		
	112151	112360	96135	London Heathrow- Delhi/Mumbai		Birmingham- Delhi
	80791	81000	78215		462177	441863
ECONOMY	114632	114890	117887	FIRST	307893	287579
	94472	94730	97727	BUSINESS	307893	287594
	79772	80030	83027		235213	214962
	68747	69005	72002		173481	153467
	59927	60185	63182		138061	117152
	51107	51365	54362		110921	-
	44492	44750	47747		78721	-
	37877	38135	41132	ECONOMY	133471	132966
	32732	32990	35147		115555	114566
	30317	30890	31997		101028	100040
	27902	27740	28847		86502	85513
	25382	24590			75409	74861
			64737		63724	
			57469	56461		
			50186	49197		
			43407	42418		
			37205	37576		
			32847	34671		
			28973	31766		