

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already conducted the pre-feasibility study in respect of these sites and has submitted the report to the State Government for necessary action.

(c) and (d) The AAI has already taken up the work for construction of parallel taxi track, extension of apron and construction of technical block cum control tower at the Biju Patnaik Airport, Bhubaneswar to provide better travel experience to the passengers.

Rising jet fuel prices

23. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to contain the rise in jet fuel prices and its cascading impact on air ticket prices;

(b) the percentage of hike in the prices of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) during 2017-18; and

(c) the percentage of hike in airfares in different airlines in different sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) The pricing of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) was deregulated w.e.f. 1st April, 2001 and the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of ATF in line with its international price and other market conditions.

(b) Price of ATF was increased by 19.81% in year 2017-18 at Delhi.

(c) No such analysis has been carried out by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). As per prevailing regulation, air fare is not regulated by the Government.

All women crew flights of Air India Express on International Women's Day

24. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India Express operated eight all women crew flights on the occasion of International Women's Day;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the budget carrier had also organized functions at all its offices to felicitate the women workforce which is about 40 per cent of its total employees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Air India Express operated only six all women crew flights on 08th March 2018 on the occasion of International Women's day. The details of the flights are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) To mark the occasion of Women's day, functions were held on 8th March 2018 at Air India Express offices. The women staff were felicitated with greetings cards, cupcakes, roses and special honorary speeches were given by Departmental Heads. A special program consisting of interviews of women staff from various departments of Air India Express Limited (AIXL) was carried out.

This program was posted on Air India Express social media platform, *i.e.* AI Express Facebook page. Press release was also issued to publicize All-Women crew flights on Facebook page posting real-time pictures of AIXL's lady cabin crew operating these flights.

Statement

*Details of Flights operated by Air India Express with women crew on the
Occasion of Womens Day on 08 March 2018*

Sl. No.	Flight no	Sector
1.	IX 435/434	Kochi /Dubai/Kochi
2.	IX 247/248	Mumbai/Dubai /Mumbai
3.	IX 549/544	Trivandrum/Muscat/Trivandrum
4.	IX 688/681	Chennai/Singapore/Trichy
5.	IX 363/348	Calicut/Abu Dhabi/Calicut
6.	IX345/142	Calicut/Dubai/Delhi