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HIGH CHARGES FOR FOOD SNACKS AND TEA IN THE AIRPORTS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that, tea, snacks and other food items have hefty price in various airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the reason for the same;
- (c) the details thereof;
- (d) the details of lowest, average and highest price for tea, snacks, sold in various airports in the country;
- (e) whether Government has received any complaints from the passengers on the same; and
- (f) if so, the measures that have been taken by Government to ensure tea, snacks and other food items are available in airports at affordable prices?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (f): The Airports in the country offer a variety of food and beverage options catering to the diverse preferences and demands of passengers. Food items, including tea, snacks, and meals, are available at varied price ranges to accommodate the budgets of different passenger segments.

The prices of non-aeronautical activities (including food and beverages) at the airport are not regulated by the government. However, 30% of the non-aeronautical revenue generated by airports is used to cross-subsidize aeronautical charges, leading to lower ticket prices for passengers.

From 01.01.2024, to 31.12.2024, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) received 18 grievances (16 via CPGRAMS and 2 via PGO email) regarding airport food pricing, all of which were suitably responded to.

To address the demand for affordable food options, several airports have already taken initiatives to introduce low-cost outlets. For instance, Kolkata Airport has commissioned the Udan Yatri Cafe, which provides reasonably priced food and beverages for passengers.
