

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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UDAN YATRI CAFES IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) the number of UDAN Yatri Cafes operational at airports across the country and whether there are plans to expand these outlets to other airports of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the criteria followed in selecting the airports for setting up these outlets and the airports identified for future installations; and
- (c) the data on the operational costs of setting up and running these affordable food outlets and manner in which the pricing structure was determined to make the initiative financially viable?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has introduced the concept of 'Udan Yatri Cafe' at Kolkata Airport as a new initiative to offer affordable meals to passengers.

The introduction of 'Udan Yatri Cafe' or similar low-cost outlets at other airports is at the discretion of the respective airport operators. Prices of non-aeronautical activities, including food and beverage services, are determined by airport operators and concessionaires based on market dynamics and commercial considerations, as they are not regulated by the Government. Furthermore, 30% of the non-aeronautical revenue (including food and beverages) generated by airports is used to cross-subsidize aeronautical charges, leading to lower ticket prices for passengers.
