

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1494  
(To be answered on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025)**

**CANTEENS AT AIRPORTS**

**1494. SMT MALA ROY**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up canteens having affordable rates for the common people at all airports in the country; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

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**(a) & (b): 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.**

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