

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2434
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ACTION TAKEN BY CCI ON STEEP HIKES IN AIRFARES

QUESTION

2434. SHRI RAJ BABBAR:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Competition Commission of India (CCI) is looking into the issues of steep hike in fares during festival seasons and summer vacations by airlines, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to impose penalty on airlines found to be involved in air fare cartelisation during the ensuing Diwali season, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) Competition Commission of India (CCI), suo moto, instituted a case on allegations that airlines had raised fares together around Diwali season of 2010. The case was closed in January, 2012 due to lack of evidence of anti-competitive practices. However, in a suo moto case (number 03/2015) regarding cartelisation in passenger fares by airlines, CCI has directed an investigation by the Director General, CCI. This case, though, does not pertain to festive season hike.
