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Feedback on "Increase of User Development Fees (UDF) for Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport (SVPIA)"

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Subject : Feedback on "Increase of User Development Fees (UDF) for Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport (SVPIA)"**To :** Manu Sooden <secretary@aera.gov.in>, RAM KRISHAN <director-ps@aera.gov.in>, rajan gupta <rajan.gupta1@aera.gov.in>

Feedback on **"Increase of User Development Fees (UDF) for Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport (SVPIA), Ahmedabad by Rs.700/- and Rs.1500 for domestic and International departing passenger respectively from the current Rs.100/-"**.

In my view, there should **not** be any increase in the tariff. Please consider the following points to support my views.

1. Earlier, the Airport was operated by the Airport Authority of India (AAI). The salaries of government employees are not less, and certainly not many more people have been employed till date.
2. The average fare of domestic airline tickets range from Rs.4,000 to Rs.10,000 depending on the distance and destination. Over and above, this added amount of Rs.600 & Rs.1400 per ticket for domestic and International travel respectively is very high and an additional burden to the passengers.
3. I would also like to add that during the time when the Airport was managed by the Airport Authority, the operations were not so efficient. The Government had decided on privatizing the operations keeping in mind, the efficiency in the system at a lower cost for the people. So, with the increased efficiency, the tariff should in fact be reduced. However, a marginal increase of about 50% (Rs.150) on Domestic and 100% (Rs.200) on International departures seems appropriate to take care of the additional expenses.

Regards,

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