

Air Transport Circular (ATC) 01 of 2021

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Passengers complaints have increased regarding seat selection fees with calls for intervention from the government.



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About Air Transport Circular (ATC) 01 of 2021:

- Air Transport Circular (ATC)-01 of 2021 is titled: **Unbundle of Services and fees by scheduled airlines.**

Unbundling of Services:

- Under the circular some services like **preferential seating** have been allowed to be **unbundled and charged separately** from the travellers.
- The circular stated that the **airline offers services** that may **not be essential for every traveler**, and therefore, there is **potential to lower the base airfare** by unbundling these services.
 - This includes **preferential seating, food and drinks** (except water), and **baggage charges amongst others.**
 - Such **unbundled services** are provided on **opt-in** basis by Airlines and are **not mandatory in nature.**

Auto Seat Assignment and Web Check-In:

- There is a **provision for auto seat assignment** to the passengers who have not selected any seat for **web check-in** before scheduled departure.
- **Scheduled domestic airlines** are not charging any fee for **completing web check-in formalities.**

Airport Check-In Charges:

- For **airport check-ins**, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has instructed all scheduled airlines not to impose an **extra fee** for **issuing boarding passes** at airport check-in counters, as such charges

cannot be categorized as tariff as stipulated by **Rule 135 of The Aircraft Rules, 1937.**