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New DelhiThe civil aviation ministry said on Thursday that the question of European Union (EU) imposing Carbon Tax on Indian aircraft did not arise as no Indian company had submitted emission details as per the EU directions.

"Though the European Union has directed Indian carriers to submit emission details of their aircraft by March 31, 2012, no Indian carrier is submitting them in view of the position of the government," civil aviation minister Ajit Singh told the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. "Hence the imposition of carbon tax does not arise," he added.

Singh had been asked whether the EU had imposed Carbon Tax on any Indian aircraft. He was also asked what policy the government would adopt in the matter to which Singh replied that the government would act as per the Moscow Declaration.

"Pursuant to the adoption of the Moscow Declaration of 22nd February, 2012, by over 30 countries on the European Union-Emission Trading Scheme (EU-ETS), a basket of measures are available to the government as counter measures," Singh said.

He said that "depending upon EU's consideration of the resolution of Moscow Declaration, appropriate retaliatory measures would be undertaken by all signatories to the Declaration and also other nations wishing to join."

On Monday, a senior government official had said that India would ask local airlines not to buy carbon credits from or share emissions data with the bloc, raising the prospect of a global trade war.

The row is over a scheme that could levy charges for carbon emissions for flights in and out of Europe.

Foreign governments, including the world's top three carbon emitters, the United States, China and India, say the EU is exceeding its legal jurisdiction by charging for an entire flight, as opposed to just the part covering European airspace.

China said in February its airlines were barred from participating in the EU Emissions Trading Scheme unless they got government nod. Beijing has also suspended the purchase of \$14 billion worth of jets from European maker Airbus.