

- (iii) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is undertaking development/modernisation of Kolkata and Chennai airports at an estimated cost of Rs.1942.51 crores (for completion in 30 months) and Rs.1808 crores (for completion in 26 months), respectively.
- (iv) Besides, AAI is also undertaking modernisation of 35 non-metro airports and 13 other airports for completion by mid 2010.

#### **Airports in Punjab**

136. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the construction and development of civil airports in Punjab;
- (b) the cases where the projects are behind schedule and the extent thereof;
- (c) the steps proposed to speed up the operations; and
- (d) whether any new projects are proposed to be taken up in the State in the near future with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains one international airport at Amritsar, one Civil Air Terminal at Ludhiana and one Civil Enclave at Chandigarh. The project of modular expansion of terminal building at Amritsar Airport is in progress. 70% of work has been completed. The delay has occurred in completion of the project due to change in structural arrangement and increased cost of electrical and air condition work consequent to increase in area.

At Ludhiana Airport the works relating to resurfacing and strengthening of runway, apron and taxi way are in progress.

At Chandigarh Airport, a new terminal building along with passenger boarding bridges is under construction.

(d) A new International Civil Air Terminal Complex on Mohali side of Chandigarh airport has been planned in collaboration with the State Government of Punjab and Haryana.

#### **Losses to airlines**

137. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that all airlines organizations in India have landed in huge financial losses;
- (b) if so, the details of losses of leading airlines organizations for the last three years; and
- (c) the major long standing and immediate causes for such losses and the measures undertaken under long term and short term processes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Details of losses/profit of leading airlines incurred in last three years are as under: