

(a) whether Government is aware that the steep increase in price of aviation fuel has resulted in fare hike by low cost airlines and consequently large scale prevention of air travel by middle class families in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) is a major component of operational cost of the Airlines. Airlines raised fare due to rise in prices of ATF. Passenger traffic has also been affected by the global financial downturn of the economy.

The number of domestic passenger fell to 30.48 lakh in November, 2008 as compared to 38.72 lakh in November, 2007.

(c) The Government has taken various steps to help the domestic aviation industry which *Inter-alia* are as under :

(1) Custom duty on import of ATF has been abolished.

(2) The State Governments are being persuaded to reduce the sales tax on ATF. Government of Andhra Pradesh and in certain cases Government of Rajasthan have reduced the sales tax on ATF to 4%. Government of Maharashtra has also reduced sales tax on ATF from 25% to 4% for flights originating from airports other than Pune and Mumbai.

(3) The Oil Companies have also staggered the settlement of outstanding dues of Airline Companies over six months. Oil Companies have also extended the credit period.

(4) With the fall in global crude prices, the Oil Companies have been reducing ATF prices since September, 2008 and the prices are being revised fortnightly instead of monthly.

Airports in NER

2341. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and other details of airports, State-wise, in the eight States of North-East India, with dates of their establishment, number of flights operated, airline operator-wise;

(b) the number of other details of helicopter services, State-wise, in the eight States of North East India, with dates of their establishment, the number of flights operated, airline operator-wise;

(c) the time by which the Chiethu airport will be completed in Nagaland; and

(d) the details of work done and money invested so far for establishing the Chiethu airport in Nagaland with the date of commencement of work and date of investment of first installment of money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):
(a) and (b) Total number of airports in North East Region (NER) is 23. The list of operational and Non operational airports, state-wise in NER, at present, is given in the Statement-I (See below).

The record of dates of establishment of these airports is not available since these have been in existence for more than past three decades.

Schedule air services in the NER, the airline-wise details are given in the Statement-II (See below).

At present in NER, Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. (PHHL) has provided helicopters on long term lease/wet lease to Governments of Meghalaya, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Nagaland for regular passenger services for general public. PHHL operates them under the aegis of the respective State Governments as per their requirements.

(c) Project is at formulation stage. Therefore, it is not possible to indicate a definite time frame.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Statement-I

State-wise operational/non-operational Airports in North-East Region

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of Airport	Owned by	Status
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Along (Civil Enclave)	State	Non-Operational
2.		Daparizo (Civil Enclave)	State	Non-Operational
3.		Passighat	AAI	Non-Operational
4.		Tezu (Civil Enclave)	State	Non-Operational
5.		Zero (Civil Enclave)	State	Non-Operational
6.	Assam	Dibrugarh (Mohanbari)	AAI	Operational
7.		Guwahati	AAI	Operational
8.		Jorhat (Civil Enclave)	IAF	Operational
9.		North Lakhimpur (Lilabari)	AAI	Operational

1	2	3	4	5
10.		Rupsi	AAI	Non - Operational
11.		Silchar (Civil Enclave)	IAF	Operational
12.		Tezpur (Civil Enclave)	IAF	Operational
13.	Manipur	Imphal	AAI	Operational
14.	Meghalaya	Shilong	AAI	Operational
15.		Baljek (Tura)	State	Operational
16.		Shella	AAI	Non - operational
17.	Mizoram	Aizwal (Tural)	AAI	Non - operational
18.		Lengpui	State	Operational
19.	Nagaland	Dimapur	AAI	Operational
20.	Tripura	Agartala	AAI	Operational
21.		Kamalpur	AAI	Non - operational
22.		Kailashahar	AAI	Non - operational
23.		Khowai	AAI	Non - operational

Statement-II

Details of current operations of scheduled airlines in North-East region (WS 08)

Airline	Sector	Aircraft	Flights/Week
1	2	3	4
Indian Airlines	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	A320	7
	Kolkata-Aizwal-Imphal-Kolkata	A319	4
	Kolkata-Imphal-Aizwal-Kolkata	A319	3
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	A320	7
	Kolkata-Dibrugarh-Kolkata	A320	6
	Kolkata-Dimapur-Kolkata	A320	3
	Kolkata-Silchar-Kolkata	A320	4

1	2	3	4
	Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	A320	3
	Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal and return	A320	2
	Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	A320	2
	Total		40
Alliance Air	Guwahati-Agartala-Guwahati	ATR42	10
	Guwahati-Aizwal-Guwahati	ATR42	3
	Guwahati-Silchar-Guwahati	ATR42	7
	Guwahati-Dimapur-Imphal and VV	ATR42	4
	Guwahati-Lilabari-Dibrugarh-Guwahati	ATR42	2
	Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Jorhat-Guwahati	ATR42	2
	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	ATR42	7
	Kolkata-Dimapur-Kolkata	ATR42	4
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	ATR42	4
	Kolkata-Silchar-Kolkata	ATR42	7
	Kolkata-Shillong-Jorhat-Kolkata	ATR42	3
	Kolkata-Aizwal-Guwahati and VV	ATR42	4
	Kolkata-Aizwal-Kolkata	ATR42	1
	Silchar-Imphal-Silchar	ATR42	7
	Silchar-Agartala-Silchar	ATR42	3
	Total		88
Jet Airways	Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	B737	4
	Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	B737	3
	Delhi-Guwahati-Delhi	B737	7
	Kolkata-Agartala-Guwahati and Return	B737	4
	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	B737	3
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	B737	13
	Kolkata-Jorhat-Kolkata	B737	3
	Total		37

1	2	3	4
JetLite	Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Guwahati-Delhi	B737	7
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	B737	7
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Imphal and Return	B737	5
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Jorhat-Guwahati-Kolkata	B737	2
	Kolkata-Dibrugarh-Kolkata	B737	6
	Kolkata-Imphal-Kolkata (Army Charter)	B737	1
Total			28
Kingfisher Red	Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	A320	4
	Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	A320	3
	Kolkata-Silchar-Imphal-Kolkata	A320	3
	Kolkata-Imphal-Silchar-Kolkata	A320	4
	Guwahati-Lilabari-Guwahati	ATR42	2
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	ATR42	7
	Kolkata-Aizwal-Kolkata	ATR42	7
	Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Guwahati	ATR42	4
	Guwahati-Imphal-Dimapur-Imphal-Guwahati	ATR42	3
	Guwahati-Agartala-Guwahati	ATR42	7
	Guwahati-Silchar-Guwahati	ATR42	7
	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	ATR42	7
	Guwahati-Jorhat-Guwahati	ATR42	4
Total			62
Kingfisher Airlines	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	A321	7
	Mumbai-Guwahati-Mumbai	A319	7
	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	ATR72	7
Total			21
Spicejet	Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	B737	3
	Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	B737	4
Total			7

1	2	3	4
IndiGo	Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal-Guwahati	A320	7
	Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	A320	14
	Kolkata-Agartala-Imphal-Kolkata	A320	4
	Kolkata-Imphal-Agartala-Kolkata	A320	3
	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	A320	7
Total			35

Parking slot at airports

2342. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of space to park the private jets at the airports in Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to develop more parking slots at these airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At CSI Airport, private jets operate from old airport apron which is an area on the south of the main runway. A portion of this apron where some of these private jets are currently parked, do not comply with the Civil Aviation Regulations and ICAO standards. As a result, this portion of Apron has to be decommissioned thereby causing shortage of aircraft parking space for private jets.

(c) CSI Airport has, presently, no plans to develop more parking space for private jets due to land constraints. Facilities are soon to be expanded at Delhi airport.

Modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai airports

2343. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether modernisation of Mumbai and Delhi airports is lagging behind schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in implementation of modernisation project at Mumbai and Delhi airports; and

(d) the steps Government has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):

(a) Modernisation work is progressing, generally, as per schedule.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.