

[20 November, 2001]

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THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sky Marshals are deployed on all domestic routes of scheduled airlines operating in India at random basis, but not on every flight.

(c) The following other security measures have been taken, *inter alia*, to strengthen security at the airports in order to prevent hijackings and other unlawful interference with civil aviation operations:—

- (i) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at all operational airports in a time bound manner.
- (ii) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams at major airports.
- (iii) Strict access control, including mandatory ladder point security check of passengers and their hand baggage.
- (iv) Security audit of airports, followed by necessary action for further strengthening of security arrangements.

Small Aircrafts

142. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small aircrafts under operation with different agencies in the country with year of manufacture/acquisition by the agency;

(b) whether Government have set up a high level Committee to look into acquisition, maintenance and operation of small aircrafts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The information is being complied.

(b) and (c) A Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary in this Ministry to look into these aspects. The Committee has since submitted its report which is under examination.

Streamlining of IA

143. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines is heading for loss;