

A high level Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to examine in totality the situation arising out of the chain of events triggered by an anonymous telephone call regarding the imminent hijacking of flight No. CD-7444 operating on Mumbai-Delhi sector. The Committee has since submitted its report. In the meantime Alliance Air has placed the entire crew of the flight off the flying duties.

Aircrashes of small air crafts

* 25. SHRISURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of aircrashes/mishaps relating to the small aircrafts being operated by private companies during the last three years;

(b) in how many of the above-mentioned crashes/mishaps, the enquiry committees have been set up and whether any reports have been submitted by any of these committees; and

(c) the status of the implementation of recommendations of these reports and whether in any of these reports submitted by the committees, mishap/crash has been attributed to the inexperience/under-experience of pilots?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) During the last three years, there have been 7 air crashes to small aircraft operated by private companies.

(b) Out of these 7 accidents, the Government had ordered a Committee of Inquiry into the recent air crash to M/s. Jindal Strips Ltd. aircraft at Mainpuri (U.P.) on 30.9.2001 under Rule 74 of Aircraft Rules, 1937. One air crash which took place at Bangladesh is being investigated by that State. The remaining five accidents were investigated under Rule 71 of Aircraft Rules, 1937 by Inspector of Accidents. Reports of 4 accidents have been received.

(c) Action on the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry will be taken on submission of the report by the Committee to the Government. 28 recommendations have been made in the 4 accident investigation report of the Inspector of Accidents, out of which 11 recommendations have been fully implemented. Some of the pending recommendations which are of long term and are of administrative nature are being followed up with the concerned agencies. Inexperience/under-experience of the pilots has not been brought out in the above reports.