

building. Lilabari – the airport is operational. The work pertaining to apron expanded to park 2 A-320 aircraft and terminal building to accommodate 400 pax has been completed. It is proposed to install Instrument Landing System (ILS) at this airport. Silchar (CE)–the airports is operational. The work pertaining to expansion of runway by 500 mt, apron expansion to park 3 A-320 and 1 ATR aircraft, provision of Aeronautical Ground Lights and ILS has been completed.

Shillong – the airport is operational. The work pertaining to new terminal building to accommodate 200 pax is in progress. It is planned to expand runway by 2286 mt for A-321 operations and expansion of apron to park 4 A-321 aircraft subject to availability of land. Tura-the airport is non-operational. It is proposed to extend runway to 1500mt for ATR 42 operations subject to availability of land. Imphal-the airport is operational. The work pertaining to night landing facilities including 5 Solar Power Obstacle Lights has been completed. The work pertaining to expansion of apron to accommodate 3 additional aircraft and taxiway construction is in progress. It is planned to acquire land as per master plan for future expansion. Lengpui-the airport is operational. The work pertaining to installation of ILS and DVOR is in progress. Dimapur-the airport is operational. The work pertaining to expansion of apron and taxiway including face lifting of terminal building is in progress. Pakyong (Gangtok)-the airport is under construction. The construction of greenfield airport for operations of ATR 72 aircraft started on 10.01.2009 and is targeted to be completed by 09.01.2012.

(b) There are proposals to set up Greenfield airport at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh and Chiethu (Kohima) in Nagaland. A Greenfield airport at Pakyong in Sikkim is already under construction.

(c) and (d) The government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air Transport Services taking into account the need for air transport service of different regions of the country including North-East Region. At present, scheduled air services are available from Guwahati to Agartala, Aizwal, Delhi, Dimapur, Dibrugarh, Imphal, Jorhat, Lilabari and Silchar.

#### **FDI in private domestic airlines**

1027. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to allow Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in private domestic airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c) The proposal to allow foreign airlines to invest in domestic airline is under examination.