

- (b) the total amount spent on it so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) A new terminal building has already been commissioned at Jaipur airport on 1st July, 2009. The work related to extension of runway from 9170 ft. to 10500 ft. has been initiated.

- (b) The amount spent on it so far is Rs. 107.76 crores.

#### **Runway at Khandwa**

†3348. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the runway situated at Khandwa airport is fit for flights at present;
- (b) the amount sanctioned and spent for making the runway fit for flights; and
- (c) by what time the remaining amount would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): No, Sir.

(b) As this airport is not in operation for last two decades, no amount has been sanctioned for this airport. However, the nearest Indore airport is at a distance of 130 kms.

- (c) Does not arise.

#### **Pre-paid taxi service at IGI Airport**

3349. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) the passengers after securing the pre-paid taxi tokens are on the mercy of taxi drivers to reach their destinations because they are not ready to carry short distance passengers;

(b) whether during night even after paying the night charges, the passengers are forced to pay additional charges;

(c) if so, what action Government would take against the erring officials and taxi drivers; and

(d) whether pre-paid taxi service would be computerized and registration numbers of the taxis would be printed on the bill/token to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) A few complaints of harassment of passengers including overcharging and refusal to commute short distance during hiring of pre-paid taxis have been received by the Delhi Police.

(c) Strict enforcement action is taken by Delhi Police against the erring taxi driver, if found indulging in refusal/misbehaving with passengers at IGI Airport.

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