

request for equity infusion is under consideration of the Government. A Committee of Secretaries set up under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary will review the progress made by the Airline towards operational and financial restructuring.

#### **Increase in helicopter crashes**

†3356. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in the incidents of helicopter crashes in different parts of the country during last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of cases of helicopter crashes which have come to the notice during the last two years;
- (d) whether all these cases have been investigated; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to prevent these crashes?

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

(c) Three helicopter crashes were reported in 2007 and two in 2008.

(d) and (e) All accidents reported are investigated as per prescribed procedures and preventive action taken on the basis of the recommendations emanating from the investigation to avoid the recurrence of similar accident. A Helicopter Cell is working in Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to look after safe helicopter operations and other requirements.

#### **Contract to Pawan Hans Helicopters by ONGC**

†3357. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has awarded a contract to Pawan Hans Helicopters to hire twelve helicopters for a period of three years;
- (b) whether advanced security measures have to be deployed in these helicopters which were supposed to be completed within 150 days starting from 29 July, 2006;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that first three helicopters were to be given in November, 2006 and remaining helicopters were to be given in July, 2007;
- (d) the reasons for not carrying out the work by Pawan Hans Helicopters on time; and
- (e) the total loss incurred by Pawan Hans due to this delay?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.