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### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

#### Merger of Airlines

3346. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the background details and the process which culminated into merger of all erstwhile Government-owned airlines into one entity *i.e.*, Air India, indicating profile of the Directors who constituted the respective Boards at each phase of their merger;

(b) the details of expenses incurred in each stage alongwith the merger process *e.g.*, painting of new logos, features of stationeries, dresses of on-board crew and of employees on ground etc.;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed consultants for designing uniform of on-board crew members; and

(d) if so, the profile of consultants, job entrusted to each and fees paid?

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

(a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Ms. Ritu Beri a renowned fashion designer, was entrusted with the job of designing a new uniform for female cabinet crew and female ground staff. No fee for consultancy was paid. However, an expenditure of Rs. 86,54,600/- was incurred initially for procuring uniforms designed by Ms. Beri for the cabin crew and female ground staff and ties for crew.

#### Construction of international airport at Jaipur

†3347. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the work for the construction of new building and runway of international standard at international airport, Jaipur and by when it would be opened for the passengers; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.