

**Modernization of Patna Airport**

†3506. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the number of flights from Delhi and other places to Patna;

(b) whether Government are working on a plan to augment the capacity of Patna Airport and to modernize it;

(c) if so, by when the said work will be completed;

(d) whether there is a plan to benefit Bihar also with the recent spurt in aviation sector; and

(e) if so, in what/way and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Indian Airlines is operating 14 flights per week between Delhi and Patna, including one flight introduced with effect from 1st May, 2007. As regards further increase in operations, all airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines laid down by the Government.

(b) and (c) Airports Authority of India proposes to expand the Terminal Building complex and aircraft parking stands subject to land being made available by the State Government free of cost.

(d) and (e) Patna airport has been identified as one of the 35 non metro airports for development purpose while a new integrated Terminal Building has been constructed at Gaya airport and the work of apron expansion is in progress. Upgradation of airports/infrastructure is an on-going process, depending upon needs and no definite time frame can be indicated.

**Wage revision for Air India Engineers**

3507. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are demands for wage revision by Unions of Air India Engineers and if so, what there demands are;

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