

(c) the steps taken by his Ministry to meet the shortage and by when this shortage would be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):
(a) and (b) There is no shortage of pilots in the country. However, Airline operators are facing shortage of type-rated pilots and senior Commanders. As far as National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) is concerned, there is no shortage of pilots. The requirement of pilots is currently catered to from own and foreign pilots.

(c) In order to have sufficient quality pilots over longer period of time, the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) has been modernised through upgradation of civil and electrical infrastructure and acquisition of additional trainer aircraft. The Government has also set up National Flying Training Institute at Gondia in Maharashtra as Joint Venture Enterprise. The other flying clubs in the country are also being supported by the Central Government by way of providing funds for acquisition of trainer aircraft through Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Aero Club of India.

Trivandrum Airport

4163. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when the new terminal at Trivandrum International Airport will become operational;
and

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce user fee at Trivandrum airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):
(a) The new terminal at Trivandrum International Airport will become operational after completion of approach road and bridge work which is being executed by Kerala State Government.

(b) A proposal to introduce User Development Fee (UDF) at Trivandrum airport has been submitted by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA).

Aircrafts collision

4164. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some aircrafts came closer to collision distance which was averted at the last moment in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.