

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

(a) No, Sir. There is no prohibition on use of single engine turbine helicopters for travel of VIPs.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Agreement between Air India and private airlines

1991. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines had signed an agreement with Airbus, a private aircraft manufacturer, worth Rs.788 crore for creating training and repair facilities in India;

(b) if so, whether the agreement is being fulfilled by the private company, and the details of training and repairing facility obtained thereunder; and

(c) whether the agreement was part of any other business deals Indian Airlines entered into with the private manufacturer as part of buying aircrafts from the said company?

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(a) and (b) The erstwhile Indian Airlines Limited had placed a purchase order with M/s. Airbus Industrie of France for procurement of 43 Airbus family aircraft in February, 2006. Supplementing the purchase agreement, an agreement for cooperation projects for pilot training Centre, a dedicated spare Centre and MRO facilities for A320 family aircraft was also signed. M/s. Airbus Industrie in association with M/s. CAE has established facilities in Bangalore for pilot training, maintenance training and design. It has also signed an agreement with National Aviation Company of India Limited for establishment of a Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Joint Venture.

(c) No, Sir.

Fresh guidelines for development of airports in the country

1992. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued fresh guidelines for the development of the airport infrastructure in the country under Airport Infrastructure Policy, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) have selected big cities in Tamil Nadu to build more than one airport under these guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?