

alongwith link taxiway for day and night operation have been completed. In addition, construction of new integrated terminal building complex including two aerobridges to cater to 700 passengers (300 international and 400 domestic) at a cost of Rs. 135.72 crores have also been taken up.

- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.

#### **Vacancies for Trainee pilots in NACIL**

7. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state how many vacancies for the post of Trainee Pilots/Executive Pilots are existing so far for SC/ST/OBC categories in NACIL(I) and NACIL(A) so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): During the past exercises of appointment of Trainee Pilots, the number of vacancies which remained unfilled in SC/ST/OBC categories in NACIL(A) and NACIL(I) is as under:—

Category	NACIL(A)	NACIL(I)
SC	2	11
ST	10	6
OBC	57	27

Consequent to merger, recruitment process for all posts have been kept on hold till the reassessment of manpower is carried out in the merged entity.

As far as Executive Pilots are concerned, there is no direct recruitment of Executive Pilots.

#### **Upgradation of Jharsuguda airport**

8. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to upgrade Jharsuguda airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the grant sanctioned to upgrade the said airport; and
- (d) by when the development work would be completed thereat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) A feasibility study has been carried out by Airports Authority of India (AAI) for Jharsuguda airport. In accordance with the Feasibility Report, AAI has a plan for development of Jharsuguda airport, initially, for ATR type of aircraft operations subject to signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AAI and the State Government of Orissa and handing over of required land to AAI by the State Government of Orissa.