

However, in the negotiation of a long term delivery financing supported by US Ex-Im guarantee at very competitive rates, Ex-Im financing envisages a finance lease structure on similar lines as a higher purchase agreement.

Renaming of Madurai airport

3379. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a proposal to name Madurai airport after Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar who was a great, well-known, virtuous and respected leader not only in Tamil Nadu but also elsewhere;

(b) if so, when it can be done;

(c) whether there is any hurdle in doing so; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with special reference to the remarks and recommendations of the State Government?

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There is a request from Government of Tamil Nadu to name Madurai airport after "Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Airport". The request of Government of Tamil Nadu is being examined.

Losses of NACIL

3380. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) is expected to incur huge loss of Rs. 5400 crore during 2009-10;

(b) what are the main expenditure of NACIL for running the Air India which leads to such a huge loss;

(c) whether a huge amount of Rs. 1741 crore on account of fuel charges is due till January, 2010 and has not been paid so far;

(d) whether NACIL has devised any plan for cost reduction and revenue enhancement and focus on earning profits; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) Air India is expected to incur a loss of Rs. 5,400 crores approximately during the year 2009-10.

(b) 77% of expenditure of NACIL is on account of:

(i) Aircraft fuel (ii) Staff costs; (iii) Interest on working capital borrowings and aircraft loans (iv) Hire of Aircraft; (v) Maintenance of Aircraft and (vi) Landing, Handling and Navigational charges.

(c) The amount due to the 3 PSU Oil Companies as on 20.04.2010 is Rs. 1203.75 crores.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. NACIL has submitted a Turn-Around plan to the Government focussing on reduction of losses. The plan mainly focuses on Fleet rationalisation, Rationalisation of routes and manpower, Operationalisation of Strategic Business Units, improving revenue etc.

Manpower crisis in Air India

3381. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Air India is facing serious manpower crisis;
- (b) if so, the number of officials who quit during the last three months;
- (c) what are the reasons for quitting Air India; and
- (d) the steps Government is taking to fill the vacancies?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Investigation into blowing away of roof of IGI Airport

†3382. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of facts that came to light upon investigation into blowing away of roof of the domestic Terminal 1-D of the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport by a storm in August, 2009 and action taken against the airport operator company 'DIAL' therefor;
- (b) whether it has been ensured that such incidents are not repeated; and
- (c) if so, the details of the safeguard measures taken?

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

(a) to (c) Indira Gandhi International Airport witnessed heavy rain with thunderstorm for about 30 minutes from 16.15 hrs on 21st August, 2009. The roof of Terminal-ID was impacted by the high velocity of wind and the roof sheet got partially peeled-off in the middle, resulting in downpour inside Terminal-ID. An independent enquiry into the occurrence by Director General of Civil Aviation had been constituted and the outcome of the enquiry is awaited.

Development of Andhra Pradesh as aerospace hub

3383. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is rapidly becoming aerospace hub of the

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