

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Interim compensation of Rs.10 lakh for each adult deceased passenger, Rs.5 lakh for each passenger below the age of 12 and Rs.2 lakh for each injured passenger has been given. As of date an amount of Rs.14.56 Crore have been disbursed.

(c) and (d) The compensation payable is assessed in accordance with provisions of the Carriage by Air Act 1972, according to which the amount of compensation is to be worked out in each case separately on "proof of loss basis".

Strike by Air India workers

128. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Air India workers went on strike on 25 May, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, and also why the strike could not be averted;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that a special train was run on 26 May, 2010 from Mumbai to Delhi to clear waiting passengers on this sector;
- (d) if so, whether this train was reserved for stranded and waiting air passengers;
- (e) if not, what was the relevance of this train to workers' strike; and
- (f) what special arrangements were made to help stranded passengers of the airline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All India Aircraft Engineers' Association (AIAEA) and Air Corporations Employees' Union (ACEU), the two unions of erstwhile Indian Airlines went on a flash strike without giving any notice or reasons for going on strike. While the Management had made certain averments before the CLC(C), but the Union/Association had not given any information/notice to the Company for going on strike.

(c) to (e) No information is available in the Ministry.

(f) Most of the passengers were put on the other private carriers and were booked on other alternate NACIL flights. Hotel accommodation was also provided to stranded passengers. Arrangements for meals/refreshments and other amenities were also made.