

(b) whether the Ministry has given permission only to one private airline to fly to the above destinations; and

(c) by when AI is going to introduce flights in the above sectors either from Hyderabad or from Delhi?

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

(a) Air India is not operating flights to Vijayawada and Rajahmundry because its current and planned deployment of aircraft is fully committed within the operational resources with the airline.

(b) No, Sir. The airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to meeting the 'Route Dispersal Guidelines' issued by the Government.

(c) Air India is presently unable to provide any firm commitment in view of the resource constraints.

#### **Recommendations by ICAO for new aviation regulator**

2183. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has recommended Government to adopt a model on the lines of aviation regulators in the United States of America (USA) and the United Kingdom (UK);

(b) whether the ICAO has also insisted about the new aviation regulator in view of growth in air passenger traffic; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (c) A proposal for setting up a Civil Aviation Authority was mooted by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) through the Technical Cooperation Bureau of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to conduct a study on establishment of a Civil Aviation Authority of India. The report is under consideration of the Government.