

Government has also issued Circular No. 33/2003 for installation of CCTV and monitoring of these CCTVs by the CISF and by the airlines. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is also deploying their surveillance staff in plain clothes to watch the activities of the suspicious passengers and employees. Quick Reaction Teams have also been placed at selected airports to deal with incidents of hijacking.

Infrastructure bonds for AAI

†2189. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to issue new infrastructure bonds for the Airports Authority of India (AAI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) by when Government plans to float these bonds in the market; and
- (d) the amount Government proposes to collect through the issue of these bonds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):
(a) to (d) No, Sir. The request of AAI was not agreed to by the Finance Ministry in the first instance, for the reason that tax free bonds tend to distort the actual market determined rates of interest and lead to competing demands for issue of such bonds by other entities as well.

International status to Surat airport

2190. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of international flights landed at Ahmedabad Airport during the calendar year, 2009;
- (b) the total number of international passengers who arrived and departed from Ahmedabad Airport during 2009-10;
- (c) whether any proposal is pending with the Ministry to upgrade Surat Airport as an International Airport for operation of international and domestic flights on regular basis in view of availability of traffic from Surat and South Gujarat;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) Total international aircraft movement at SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad during the year 2009-10 was 7,036.

(b) Total number of international passengers transited through SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad during the year 2009-10 was 8,47,241.

(c) to (e) At present, there is no proposal to upgrade Surat Airport as an International airport due to lack of firm commitment from airlines operators to start international flights through this airport etc. However, Surat airport has been upgraded for AB-321 type of aircraft operations. At present, one flight of Air India operates on the Delhi- Surat- Delhi sector six days in a week.

Shifting of domestic operations to T3 at Delhi airport

2191. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

DR. BHARATKUMAR RAUT:

SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shifting of some domestic flights to Terminal 3 (T3) at Indira Gandhi International Airport is causing inconvenience to passengers of international flights;

(b) whether on 1 November, 2010 the passengers of flight AI-188 had to wait for five hours for their baggage due to failure of coordination of domestic and international flights operation;

(c) whether passengers have to carry baggage to terminal in trolleys as the domestic section of T-3 has not been connected with aerobridge; and

(d) the immediate remedial measures the Ministry intends to take to solve the problems of the passengers?

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

(a) and (b) Terminal-3 of Indira Gandhi International airport, Delhi is an integrated terminal with separate piers for International and Domestic flights. The specific instance of undue delay in baggage