

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to declare Air India Limited as a 'Sick' Company. A Group Of Ministers is monitoring the 'Turnaround' Plan measures of the Company.

**Land requirement of Directorate of Civil Aviation, MP**

†790. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Civil Aviation of Madhya Pradesh is operational at Raja Bhoj airport from barrack and hangar No. 1;

(b) whether it is also a fact that State Government needs land near State hangar and workshop for proper parking of aircraft and helicopters;

(c) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India for transfer of additional 1.5 to 2.00 acres of land and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon by Government of India so far and by what time the land will be transferred to the Government of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes Sir. State Government has submitted an application to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for lease of additional land measuring 4.23 acres.

(d) Wherever State Governments have given land free of cost to AAI, AAI had been providing 5 acres of land to the respective State Government to carry out their operational activities at the airports. Since the request for additional land is over and above the stipulated norms of 5 acres, the request of the State Government has not been agreed to by AAI.

**Shortage of pilots in commander category**

791. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of aircraft type authorised pilots, particularly in the Commander category;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has set up any institute in Maharashtra as joint venture enterprise under the guidance of Airports Authority of India?

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