

including for maintaining transparency of tariff publication by the airlines. In view of sudden surge in airfares for flights on various metro from 15th Nov., 2010 onwards compared to those prevalent a week before, without any increase in cost of operation, all the schedule airlines were directed to charge tariff at a reasonable level.

With a view to maintaining transparency in tariff publication, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has taken following steps:

- Scheduled domestic airlines have been directed to display established tariff route-wise and fare category-wise in their websites, on monthly basis and also to notify any significant and noticeable changes to DGCA within 24 hrs of effecting such a change.
- A Tariff Analysis Unit has been set up in DGCA to monitor tariff on regular basis.

Payment to foreign and Indian pilots in Air India

†1566. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India pays 25 per cent more to its foreign pilots compared to their Indian counterparts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this approach would adversely affect the Indian pilots' psyche and their professional attitude;
- (d) whether Air India appoints foreign pilots by ignoring Indian pilots;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the number and the details of the pilots employed with Air India at present?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Air India's requirement of fresh Pilots is met by recruiting Indian Pilots. However,

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because it is not able to meet the requirement of Commanders for specific types of aircraft, this shortage of Commanders is met by hiring foreign pilots.

(f) The number of pilots employed with Air India, including for Air India Express and Alliance Air is 1794. It include 56 foreign pilots.

Congestion in major airports of the country

1567. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of flights operating from each international airport in the country at present;

(b) whether heavy congestions delay the planes to take off and landing at airports; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to reduce the congestion on major domestic/international airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) Yes, Sir. At times when traffic density exceeds the runway handling capacity the delays take place.

(c) The following steps have been taken to address the issues arising out of congestion and delays:

1. Upgradation of Air Traffic Controller (ATC) Automation at Delhi.
2. Advance Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (ASMGCS) has been installed at the airports in Delhi, Hyderabad and Bangalore.
3. Instrument Landing System (ILS) CAT III B has been installed at three runways of IGI Airport, Delhi which permits operations of aircrafts upto Runway Visual Range of 50 meters.
4. Low Visibility Take off has been made permissible at many airports.
5. ILS at Kolkata has been upgraded to CAT II ILS.
6. Slot allocation to scheduled airlines is made corresponding to the traffic handling capacity of concerned airports.