

Enclave with a new Terminal Building, Apron & Taxiway has been undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for operation of ATR type of aircraft with scheduled date of completion as August, 2011. Construction of Apron is subject to clearance by IAF. So far, AAI has incurred an expenditure of Rs. one Crore on this project.

Airlines to hire 5000 professionals

1559. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether airlines are to hire 5,000 professionals this year as boom returns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) No such assessment is available in the Ministry.

Road map for civil aviation sector

1560. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently decided to draw a road map for the civil aviation sector and to revive Air India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Air India, in comparison to other private airlines, is not equipped to mobilize revenue as well as air traffic; and
- (d) if so, the steps Union Government proposes to make Air India competitive with other private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) The strategic plan of the Ministry for year 2010-15 has been prepared and placed on the website of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (www.civilaviation.nic.in). The draft strategic plan has been developed in active consultation with stakeholders. The areas identified for focused attention are:

- To create World Class infrastructure facilities.
- To establish Regulatory Framework in consonance with international standards.

- Connect presently unserved or underserved areas.
- Develop skilled manpower according to the needs of the industry.
- Deploy advanced technologies for the optimal growth of the sector.

(c) and (d) As a long term solution for revival, Air India has prepared a Turnaround Plan as required by consortium of banks and RBI. Besides, operational restructuring, the turnaround plan also includes financial restructuring. M/s. SBI Caps have been appointed as advisor by Air India for the financial restructuring plan which includes a slew of measures to restore the liquidity position. Rs. 2000 crores has been released over the Financial Years 2009-10 and 2010-11. Further, to address its presently inadequate debt equity ratio and give flexibility to the company in its financial restructuring process, Rs. 1200 crores has been further provided in the Budget for 2011-12.

Air service facility in Chhattisgarh

†1561. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestions for having air service facility in the Korba, Bilai or other places in addition to Raipur have been received or need for the same is being felt;

(b) whether increase in the number of foreign tourists industry related people and businessmen visiting these places has been noticed; and

(c) by when the new terminal at Raipur airport would start functioning and the facilities likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Suggestion for air connectivity to/from Raipur and inter-connectivity between all district Airstrips/Airports in the State of Chhattisgarh have been received.

(b) and (c) To cater 700 passengers (300 international and 400 domestic) at peak hour, a new expandable Modular Integrated Terminal Building is under construction at Raipur Airport which include facilities like Central air conditioning, BMS, Signages, Passenger Boarding Bridges (2 Nos.), CCTV, Flight Information Display System, PA system, fire detection, fire alarm system, escalators (2 Nos., elevators (5 Nos.), landscaping, horticulture, rain water harvesting, modern baggage handling system 7 Automatic Bi-parting sliding door. The work is likely to be completed by June, 2011.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.