

#### **Flight disruption due to low visibility**

337. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year air passengers suffer from fog at IGIA when the airport faces near zero visibility, resulting in frequent lights disruption;

(b) if so, how much time Government will take for upgrading landing system at IGIA, putting up fog lights on thoroughfares and updating websites or sending out SMSs in time regarding fog disruptions; and

(c) the number of trained pilots that are available at present with DGCA who can land in zero visibility at Delhi IGI Airport, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Yes, Sir. Fog affects the flight operations at IGI airport.

(b) Runway end 28 (of runway 28/10), new runway end 29 and 11 (of runway 29/11) are equipped with CAT-III B Instrument Landing System (ILS) to facilitate flight operations in low visibility conditions, upto 50 meters of Runway Visual Range (RVR).

Appropriate arrangements are in place to inform the passengers about flight disruptions in advance through websites, flight information display systems at airports, in flight information and airlines informing status of flights to passenger through SMSs. Weather forecast and updates on fog at IGI airport is also made available on India Meteorological Department website.

(c) No Pilot is trained by airlines for landing in zero visibility.

#### **Sanctioned and reserved posts of civil aviation**

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

(a) the total number of cadre-wise (including Pilot, Air Hostess etc.) sanctioned posts in all the institutions coming under the Ministry including Air India, the number of posts reserved for SCs and STs out of these posts;

(b) the rule for determining backlog vacancies out of the total posts, whether the number of reserved posts has been determined according to backlog rules; and

(c) the reasons for remaining the backlog posts of SC and ST classes vacant and the action taken to fill the backlog vacancies so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.