Security for airport metro express

513. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any private company has requested Government that the security be provided for free or at a subsidy for Airport Metro Express; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and decision of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s Delhi Airport Metro Express Private Limited (DAMEPL), the Concessionaire for the Airport Metro Express Line had requested Ministry of Urban Development that the entire cost of security provided by Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) be borne by the Central Government which has not been acceded to by the Ministry of Urban Development.

Cancelled routes by Air India

514. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Air India routes cancelled in the past five years;

(b) the load factor on the cancelled routes; and

(c) the reason for which the routes were cancelled?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) During the past five years, Air India has cancelled/restructured its flights on approximately 40 routes.

(b) and (c) An examination of all such routes has been conducted. Routes withdrawn were on purely economic considerations after a process of rationalization of routes between erstwhile Air India, Indian Airlines and Air India Express. It cannot happen that three former constituents of a unified airline compete with each other. The load factor is thus not only consideration the overall route economics is determined by yield and revenue and not load factor.

International flights at Guwahati

515. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi (LGB) airport at Guwahati is declared an international airport;

(b) if so, how many international flights are operated daily/weekly from this airport; and

(c) the amount of fund allocated under different heads for renovation/reconstruction in the airport and how much is utilized, on which work from 2005 to 2010?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At present, Druk Air is operating two flights per week on Paro - Guwahati - Bangkok and vice-versa route.

(c) The fund allocated (BE) under Capital Head at LGB Airport for civil and electrical works during the period of year 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 & 2009-10 (Rs. in crores) are 7.97, 11.49, 19.39, 34.26 & 25.41 respectively and funds utilized for each of these respective year (Rs. in crores) are 4.83, 16.14, 44.28, 31.68 and 40.29.

Issues raised during Indo-Pak talks

516. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the issues raised/discussed during the Indo-Pakistan bilateral talks since last one year;

(b) the levels at which these talks were held;

(c) the details of talks/meetings likely to be held in the future;

(d) whether the issues discussed and agreements signed have been implemented;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (f) in pursuance of the mandate given by the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, following their meeting in Thimphu in April, 2010 and the meeting of the Minister of External Affairs of India and