

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 Routes withdrawn were on pure route economics considerations after a process of rationalization of routes between erstwhile Air India, Indian Airlines and Air India Express.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 overhaul 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: