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2.	30-4-2011 at Labotang Arunachal Pradesh	Ecureuil AS350 B-3 Helicopter VT-PHT	Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited Non- Scheduled	5	Destroyed	Helicopter flying form from Tawang Helipad to Itanagar crashed at Labothong near Tawang in Bad weather. All five (05) person on board including Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh received fatal Injuries. Aircraft was destroyed in Fire.
3.	13-05-2011 Fatehpur Village, Near Mount Abu, Rajasthan	Chetak Helicopter VT-EQL	Border Security Force	4	Destroyed	Helicopter operating a flight from Gandhi Nagar to Jodhpur crashed at Fatehpur Village, Near Mount Abu, Rajasthan. All the four persons on board including two crew members received fatal Injuries due to fire. Helicopter destroyed in fire.
4.	19-06-2011 Ladpur Dehradun	Bell 407 Helicopter VT-SWA	M/s Swajas Air Charters Pvt. Ltd.	Nil	Substantial	M/s Swajas Air Charters Pvt. Ltd. Bell 407 helicop- ter crashed at Ladpur, Dehradun while operat- ing flight from Joly Grant Airport, Dehradun to Sehestradhara helipad. Pilot and Engineer received injuries and helicopter was substantially damaged.

Fiscal deficit of Air India

†1282. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fiscal deficit with regard to Air India;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government has taken measures to find out the reasons of the miserable financial condition of this Government-owned company and to help it out;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to help Air India out from deficit?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) As per provisional estimates, the loss before tax during 2010-11 is expected to be Rs. 6994 crore. The total accumulated losses of Air India as on 31st March, 2010 were Rs. 13326.86 crore.

(b) and (c) Air India is suffering losses due to decline in passenger load factor on account of global recession and for domestic demand, decline in yield due to competition, increase in financial cost on account of aircraft acquisitions and working capital loans, increase in depreciation expenditure, increase in wage bills and other staff costs, increase in aviation turbine fuel cost etc.

(d) Government has released an amount of Rs. 800 crore and Rs. 1200 crore during 2009-10 and 2010-11 as equity infusion in Air India. In this year, so far, an ad-hoc amount of Rs. 710 crore has been released from the equity provision of Rs. 1200 crore for the FY 2011-12. A Group of Ministers is also monitoring the financial position of Air India. On the directions of the GOM, Air India has come up with a Turnaround Plan and Financial Restructuring Plan, which is being examined by a Group of Officers.

Shortage of employees in DGCA

1283. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DGCA is understaffed with only 140 regular employees;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the DGCA is now more dependant on outsourcing in view of shortage of officials; and

(d) whether there is further constraint on DGCA in view of a crackdown on pilots?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Out of 597 sanctioned posts in Group 'A', 142 have been filled up on regular basis. Apart from this 96 posts have been filled up by consultants on short term contract basis and another 39 on secondment basis. In Group 'B' out of 31 sanctioned posts, 14 are occupied. In Group 'C' and 'D' out of 369 sanctioned posts, 269 are occupied on regular basis.