

### **IAF objection on construction of hotels near air base in Delhi**

†2350. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force has raised objections on construction of hotels and multi-storeyed buildings near its air base in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the policy of Government in this regard;
- (d) whether these projects have been constructed ignoring the rules; and
- (e) if so, whether Government has fixed any accountability in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Objections has been raised by Air Force Station, Rajokri, in respect of constructions by Dhawan Farm (now named as Mapple Emerald), Chawla Farm and Bhatia Farm in close proximity to the Air Force Station.

(c) Under Section 3 & 7 of the Works of Defence Act, 1903, restrictions have been imposed by the Government upon the use and enjoyment of land in the vicinity of Air Force installations/establishment as specified in Gazette Notification issued by the Government from time to time. Under Indian Air Force Act, 1934, clearance is also to be obtained from concerned authorities for buildings proposed to be constructed around Air Force aerodromes.

(d) and (c) The constructions by Dhawn Farm (now named Mapple Emerald), Chawla Farm and Bhatia Farm falls within the 100m restricted zone of Air Force Station, Rajokri. The matter has been taken up by the Air Force Station with the concerned local authorities.

### **Anti piracy operations against Somali pirates**

2351. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Navy has recently successfully conducted anti piracy operations against Somali pirates who have threatened the sea trade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) which are the other nations cooperating with India against anti piracy operations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 26 Indian Navy ships have been deputed in the Gulf of Aden since October, 2008.

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