Regulation of development fee for airports

2491. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India is considering to regulate development fee for all airports in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided not to charge from passengers the development fee in respect of Delhi and Mumbai airports; and
 - (d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Development Fee (DF)/ User Development Fee (UDF) for Major Airports and other airports is regulated by Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) and Ministry of Civil Aviation, respectively.

(c) and (d) As per the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 26.04.2011 and Hon'ble High Court of Delhi dated 01.06.2011, the levy and collection of DF at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai and Indira Ghandi International Airport, New Delhi has been stopped w.e.f. 27.04.2011 and 01.06.2011 respectively.

Aerocity hospitality project

2492. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Delhi International Airport Ltd. has released a big chunk of land, allotted to DIAL for development of terminals and runways, for raising aerocity hospitality district to house, hotels commercial complexes etc.;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that areocity complex is likely to pose serious threats to the VIPs' residential areas; and
 - (c) if so, the details of the NOCs obtained from the concerned departments?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) In terms of the Operation, Management and Development Agreement (OMDA) entered between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and M/s Delhi International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (DIAL), M/s DIAL has been permitted to utilize five per cent of Demised land for the purpose of Non Transferable Assets i.e. for commercial development.