

to enable better international connectivity. (v) A new Flying Training Institute has been established at Gondia, Maharashtra. Further, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi has been restructured. These measures would help in putting in place better training infrastructure for skilled manpower in the aviation sector, (vi) The infrastructure at the airports, Air Traffic Control and Navigation is being constantly upgraded to meet the future demand of the airlines. (vii) To create a world class airport infrastructure upgradation/modernization of a number of metro and non-metro airports have been undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) as well as through Joint Venture Companies, (viii) AAI has undertaken upgradation & modernization of 35 non-metro airports in the country in a time bound manner. In addition, 13 more airports have also been taken up for upgradation. (ix) AAI has also undertaken the modernization and expansion of the international airports at Chennai and Kolkata. (x) DGCA from time to time reviews and amends its regulations as per international standards and aviation requirements of the country, (xi) DGCA itself has been strengthened to meet international safety obligations. (xii) City side development of specific airports has been undertaken under Public Private Participation model. (xiii) A new policy for green field airports which envisages. (xiv) An Independent regulatory Authority, namely, AERA has been established 12.5.2009 with the prime objective to create a level playing field and healthy competition amongst all major airports (Government-owned, PPP-based, private), regulation of tariffs of aeronautical services, protection of reasonable interest of users.

#### **Compensation for Bengaluru Air-Crash victims**

1099. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cabin crews and passengers who died in Bengaluru Air crash have not got the full compensation; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor and by when they will get the compensation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI) : (a) No claims for compensation are pending of the victims of the 1990 Bengaluru air crash.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Financial restructuring plan for AIR India**

1100. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering financial restructuring plans for Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government intends to introduce voluntary retirement scheme in Air India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI) : (a) to (d) On the directions of Group of Ministers (GoM), Air India had prepared its Turn Around Plan (TAP) and Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP), which includes VRS scheme. It has been examined by a Group of Officers (GoO). The recommendations of GoO have been referred by GoM for RBI's views and regulatory forbearance on FRP.

#### **Upgradation of Aviation Technology**

1101. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government upgrades its technology in the aviation sector on a regular basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Technology upgrades for Air Traffic Management (ATM) and Communication, Navigation & Surveillance (CNS) facilities are being carried out on regular basis to cope up with the increase in air traffic. The details are (i) Data Communication link between the ground and aircraft for issuance of Departure Clearance, Airport Meteorological Information System. (ii) Global Positioning System (GPS) Augmentation through GAGAN (GPS Aided Geo Augmentation System) which is a Satellite based augmentation system for providing accurate position of aircraft using GPS signals. This project is on going through Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and M/s. Raytheon, USA. (iii) ADS-B (Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast). This is a surveillance system with ADS-B