

Cancellation of flights by Kingfisher Airlines

1123. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Kingfisher Airlines and Kingfisher Red have cancelled more than 50 per cent of its flights-both domestic and international during the last two months;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and action taken by DGCA against the private airlines;
- (c) the reasons cited by the airlines for closure of its flights; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure that flights are not cancelled in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI) : (a) and (b) Total 418 daily departure were approved for Kingfisher Airlines during winter schedule 2011. Out of which Kingfisher is not operating 175 daily departures. As such Directorate General of Civil Aviation has cancelled the slots for these 175 departures.

(c) and (d) Kingfisher Airlines has informed that they have initiated reconfiguration of their aircrafts which required few of their aircraft out of service for few week.

Airport in Sikkim

1124. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no airport in the State of Sikkim so far;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is building an airport in Sikkim;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the cost of the project and time frame for completion?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI) : (a) to (e) A new Greenfield Airport is under construction at Pakyong in Sikkim. 191 acres of land has been provided by the Government of Sikkim to AAI for this project. The work involves earth work cutting and filling, Geo-