

them and that of AWHs and Workers of Mini-AWCs by Rs.750/- per month w.e.f. 1.4.2011. The States/UTs also provide additional honoraria to AWWs/AWHs from their own resources. The periodicity of increase of honorarium has been in the range of 5-8 years except in 1978 and 2011 which was increased after 3 years.

Besides, payment of honorarium, AWWs/AWHs are also granted various other benefits such as Paid Absence on Maternity of 180 days, Insurance cover under Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana (AKBY), reservation of 25% of vacant posts of Supervisors for AWWs, recruitment of 25% of AWWs from amongst AWHs, provision of uniform, awards etc.

Phasing out of foreign pilots

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing acute shortage of qualified and experienced pilots;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had taken a decision to phase out foreign pilots;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government, at the instance of the airlines, extended the deadline to phase out foreign pilots; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Due to growth of air traffic and induction of new types of aircraft, the industry is facing shortage of type rated pilots especially in the Commander categories. This shortage is also met by appointing foreign pilots on Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorisation (FATA).

(b) to (e) To cover the shortage of type rated pilots and commanders, Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorisation (FATA) policy was reviewed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and vide order dated 06.12.2010; Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization Policy has been extended up to 31st December 2013 on case to case basis. As a follow up, cases of Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorisation (FATA) pilots are processed on the basis of information furnished by each airline regarding simultaneous training of their Indian pilots and phase out programme of Expat pilots.

Survey to identify critical airports

*45. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: