

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. The passenger traffic has grown at the rate of 17%-18% in the last few years. According to an assessment of the overall outlook of the sector, the fleet of the commercial airlines is expected to touch approx. 1000 aircraft in 2020. However, the projected number of new aircraft required in the next ten years would depend upon various factors including, *inter-alia*, growth of passenger traffic, growth rate of GOP, foreign tourist arrivals, index of Industrial Production (IIP) and prospects of the growth of other modes of transport etc.

(b) The Ministry of Civil Aviation has proposed formation of a Civil Aviation Aerospace Promotion Advisory Council (CAAPAC), which will have members from the regulatory agencies and the aerospace industry. The council will take necessary action to promote aerospace manufacturing activities, review the National Civil Aeronautics Policy, review regulatory framework and recommend medium and long-term measures for promotion of Civil Aeronautics Industry. It will help in identifying areas for development of manufacturing technology and for indigenization of aircraft parts for Indian and global markets.

(c) Some airlines and aircraft operators in India have their own organization for the maintenance of aircraft. Air India and Jet Airways have their own hangar facilities for maintenance. There are also MROs available in India for providing maintenance facilities to aircraft. However, the existing facilities are not able to fully meet the requirements of the airlines. As a result most of the airlines have to send their aircraft to foreign maintenance organisations.

Financial status of Air India

2959. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the actual financial status of Air India as on 31st March, 2012;

(b) whether Air India can be revived in future;

(c) what types of help are being provided by Government to Air India till now and proposal for further support; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) As per the provisional estimates for the financial year 2011-12, Air India is likely to incur a loss of Rs.7,853.00 crore. As on March, 2012, the company has working capital borrowing of around Rs.23,250 crore.

(b) to (d) The Government has approved the following financial package for Air India in order to improve its financial condition:

- (i) Induction of upfront equity of Rs.6,750 crore, including Rs.1,200 crore provided in the budget of 2011-12 and already released, in FY 2011-12.
- (ii) Equity for Cash deficit support of Rs.4,552 crore till FY 2021.
- (iii) Equity for already guaranteed aircraft loan of Rs.18,929 crore till FY 2021.
- (iv) GOI Guarantee for repayment of Principal amount and payment of interest on the Non Convertible Debentures of Rs. 7400 crore proposed to be issued to financial institutions, Banks, LIC, EPFO etc. which will be used to repay part of working capital loans.

Land given to Airport Authority of India in Rajasthan

2960. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of airports for whose development State Government of Rajasthan has given land to Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) whether the development work on those airports has been completed, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of airports of AAI in Rajasthan;

(d) the number of airports out of these proposed to be made of international standard and the action taken in this regard;

(e) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has requested for increasing air facilities in the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Airports at Jaipur and Udaipur.

(b) Yes, Sir. At Jaipur airport construction of new aerodrome control tower cum technical block, construction of a new apron to park 3 AB-340-600, 38-767,6 AB-321 and 2 ATR-72 type of aircraft along with link taxiway and part parallel taxi track, a new international terminal building for 600 passengers have been completed.

At Udaipur Airport construction of new terminal building for 600 passengers, expansion of Apron to augment parking capacity and to park 'D' type of aircraft,