

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) DGCA ensures safety of aircraft operations in accordance with various provisions of Aircraft Rules, CARs, etc which cover skill level of pilots and their training standards, continued airworthiness of aircrafts etc.

Reports have been received that employees of Air India and Kingfisher Airlines have not been paid salary regularly. However the Ministry has no information on the current status and extent to which salary and wages to the employees of private airlines have been paid.

Nation-wide survey for crucial airports

†2968. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has conducted a nation-wide survey to identify crucial airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the suggestions made by this survey; and

(d) the actions proposed to be taken on these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) DGCA has not conducted country wide survey to identify crucial airport. However, post Manglore crash, 11 airports, which were considered critical airports from flight operations point of view have been inspected. As a part of safety reassurance drive, the airport systems, facilities and procedures were thoroughly reviewed by DGCA to enhance the safety of aircraft operations at Leh, Kullu, Simla, Port Blair, Agartala, Lengpui, Calicut, Manglore, Jammu, Patna and Latur. On the basis of suggestions in the inspections following actions have been taken to enhance the safety at the aerodromes with the aerodrome operators:

- Provision of Runway End Safety Area
- Ensure proper marking on runway.
- Proper maintenance of Basic strip and ensuring Frangibility area.
- Periodic calibration of Nay- aids.
- Maintenance of runway surface within appropriate friction level.
- Removal of obstruction and proper marking and lighting of permissible obstacles.
- Safety risk assessment in respect of non-compliance.

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