

Restructuring of Two Carrier Divisions

3731. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India proposes to restructure its operations by hiving off engineering and ground handling divisions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the move of the Air India to make the two carrier divisions independent will be beneficial for Air India;
- (d) if so, to what extent and whether Government has since accorded approval of restructuring the two carrier divisions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul (MRO) and Ground Handling (GH) business is proposed to be hived off to Air India Engineering Services Limited (AIESL) and Air India Air Transport Services Limited (AIATSL) respectively.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The subsidiary companies, when operationalised would be able to undertake activities/business from other airlines, including foreign airlines. Although the GOM has recommended hiving off MRO and GH businesses to AIESL and AIATSL as part of Air India's Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP)/Turn Around Plan (TAP) their operationalisation requires the approval of the Cabinet.

Recruitment in AIR India

3732. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of persons recruited in Air India either on permanent basis or contract basis or temporary basis either by the Air India or by any of its subsidiary companies in the last two years all over India, category-wise and station-wise;
- (b) total employees strength of Air India, category-wise and respective employees strength of all its subsidiaries, subsidiary-wise and category-wise;
- (c) the projected number of vacancies for next two years; and