

shops and bone processing mills so as to prevent attraction of vultures or other birds and animals, having regard to the vicinity of place of slaughter from the aerodrome, arrangements for disposal or deposit of carcass, rubbish and other polluted and obnoxious matter, grant permission in writing for the purpose.

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Routes covered by surveillance radars

1721. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that some Air Traffic Services (ATS) routes are not covered by the surveillance radars;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to cover surveillance gaps?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) All ATS routes are covered by surveillance radar, however some portion of ATS routes are not covered at low levels due to terrain and range.

(c) Nine new enroute radars are installed at various locations to cover surveillance gaps over the continental airspace and provide redundancy over entire continental airspace. Airports Authority of India has successfully integrated all radars in Chennai FIR *w.e.f.* September 2011.

Huge loss in low-cost carrier

1722. SHRI R.C. SINGH :

SHRI D. RAJA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that almost all airlines in the country except low-cost carrier IndiGo, are in deep crisis, making huge losses;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to solve the problem in the civil aviation industry.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Based on returns filed by airlines with Directorate General of Civil Aviation, all scheduled airlines except IndiGo operating in the country are incurring losses. Industry sources has placed Rs. 26,000 crores as operational losses for the period 2007-2010 and Rs. 10,000 crores loss anticipated in 2011-12. The spiraling cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), global economic slow down and low yield due to intense competition and consequent widening gap between revenue and expenses have contributed greatly to losses.

(c) Government has recently taken several sector *vide* measures to resolve short term as well as long term issues, to improve its sustainability and viability. These are :

- (i) An inter-ministerial Working Group constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation analyzed various factors causing stress in civil aviation.
- (ii) The issue of rationalization of VAT on ATF, has been taken up with the State Governments.
- (iii) Directorate General of Foreign Trade has allowed import of ATF by or on behalf of airlines as actual users and on actual use basis.
- (iv) A proposal to allow FDI upto a limit of 49% by foreign airlines into domestic sector is under consideration.

As regard Air India, Government has infused Rs. 800 crores as equity in Air India in the FY 2009-2010, Rs. 1200 crore in FY 2010-11, Rs. 1200 crore in 2011-12. Meanwhile, Group of Ministers (GoM) has approved Turn Around Plan (TAP) and Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) formulated by Air India.

Declaration of Raipur as international airport

†1723. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has conducted any study for possibility of declaring 'Vivekanand Airport' situated at Mana in Raipur as International airport; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the newly carved out State Chhattisgarh is making industrial development at a fast pace which has caused increase in the number of air passengers at a large scale including foreigners?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) No such studies have been conducted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.

Problem faced by passengers in checking-in at T-3

1724. SHRI D. RAJA :

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Class Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) lacks basic facilities making checking-in at T3 painful task and delays at immigration counters particularly for the last few months;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.