

Safety related Issues neglected by Domestic Airlines

1719. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has asked all scheduled domestic airlines not to reject safety related issues due to financial stress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the DGCA had carried out financial surveillance from the safety perspective of scheduled domestic airlines; and
- (d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) to (d) Yes Sir, DGCA has carried out financial surveillance of scheduled domestic airlines from safety perspective in accordance with provisions of CAR issued in Nov. and Dec. 2011. Some discrepancies having bearing in safety issues have been observed in the financial surveillance such as shortage of Commanders and pilots, backlog of training, shortage of check pilots, instructors/examiners, backlog in payment of salaries, shortage of spares, pendency on corrective actions on Flight Operation Quality Assessment, exceedences, manual monitoring of flight duty time limitations, non audit of international stations by flight safety department for the last consecutive years, pending PIB investigations, violations of CAR.

Safety of Planes from Bird

1720. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that the DGCA and Government have given low priority to safety of planes from bird hits and other such calamities;
- (b) the steps Government has taken to ensure that airports do not become centres of human population thereby creating bird-hit hazards;
- (c) whether it is a fact that most of the big airports have become potential bird hit disasters;
- (d) the steps that will be taken to review the way shopping malls and other needless buildings are moved near airports; and
- (e) the steps proposed by Government to review the entire eco-systems of airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Top priority has been given by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and