

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) As informed by scheduled domestic airlines of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), a total of 51681 and 47896 flights were operated in Jan. and Feb. 2012 respectively and amongst these 1033 and 803 flights were cancelled during the respective period.

(c) to (e) DGCA undertake regular monitoring of schedule integrity and from time to time take up the matter with concerned airlines. Additionally, DGCA has issued regulations on "Facilities to be provided to passengers by airlines due to denied boarding, cancellation of flights and delays in flights" which is being strictly monitored by DGCA for their compliance by airlines.

#### **New National Air Cargo Policy**

1727. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has finalized New National Air Cargo Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Air Cargo accounts for over 30 per cent of total merchandise trade in and out of the country; and
- (e) whether adequate capacity is available at Airports for increasing Air Cargo transportation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a working Group on Air Cargo/Express Service Industry has been constituted under the Civil Aviation Economic Advisory Council. The Terms of Reference for the Working Group include establishing priorities of issues and recommend policy initiatives to address issues of significant importance to the Air Cargo/Express Service Industry.

(d) Yes, Sir. In terms of value, the Air Cargo accounts for about 30% of total merchandise trade in and out of the country.

(e) Capacity augmentation in Airports for Air Cargo transportation is an on-going process to meet the growing needs of economic growth in the country.

#### **Private Pilot Training Institutes**

1728. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that there was mushrooming of private Pilot Training Institutes, without infrastructure in the last seven years as reported in media;