

Air service between India and Myanmar

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the recent visit of Prime Minister of Myanmar, it was decided to start air service between the two countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Air India or private airlines are not operating any flights between India and Myanmar at present; and
- (d) if so, by when flights on this sector will resume operation for business class and tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (d) During the recent visit of Prime Minister to Myanmar, a revised Air Service Agreement was signed on 28 May, 2012 which would enhance direct air connectivity and facilitate easy business interaction, tourism and people-to-people contacts between India and Myanmar. Presently, Air India and Myanmar Airways are operating two services each per week between India and Myanmar.

Financial irregularities under MGNREGS

†*140. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that complaints of massive irregularities have been received under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) being implemented by Government with a view to provide employment in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the number of such allegations received during 2010-11 and 2011-12;
- (c) whether any special system has been put in place to check such irregularities and keep a tab on the budget expenditure of the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Ministry receives a large number of complaints about implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the country. The complaints mainly relate to instances of job cards not provided, misappropriation of funds, engagement of contractors, forgery of muster roll, manipulation in job cards, under payment of wages, non-payment of wages, corruption

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