

Purchase of paintings by Airports Authority of India

†950. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has procured costly paintings in the past; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Airports Authority India (AAI) has procured paintings from time to time in the past for display at airports. During the last three years procured/purchased are as under:—

- (i) Six paintings in the year 2009 for Jaipur Airport.
- (ii) Two paintings for Khajuraho Airport.
- (iii) Four paintings in the year 2010 for Lucknow Airport.
- (iv) Two paintings in the year 2011 for Jaipur Airport.
- (v) Two paintings in the year 2011 for Trivandrum International Airport.

Establishment of greenfield airports in the country

951. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has greenfield airports policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up greenfield airports in the country, according to that policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof, including the number of such greenfield airport projects taken up and ongoing presently, State-wise; and

(e) the details of funds earmarked for this purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (e) Keeping in view the enormous growth in air passengers and to encourage infusion of greater investment in airport sector, Government had pronounced a policy for greenfield airports in April, 2008. As per this Policy, the promoter, including the State Government, seeking to develop the airport has to submit the proposal to the Government for consideration by the Steering Committee. Application for setting up of Greenfield airport are considered by the Steering Committee/competent authority for grant of 'in principle' approval, after they have completed all necessary formalities

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