

extensively. This would not only help attract the requisite volumes of investment but it would also ensure generation of significant volumes of non-aeronautical revenues that would help to reduce the passenger charges to affordable levels. However, no decision has been taken by the Government.

High tariffs at Delhi airport

1722. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Air Transport Association (IATA) has stated that the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) at Delhi as the costliest airport in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any of the airlines stopped their services or lodged complaints about the huge tariff at Delhi Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. International Air Transport Association (IATA) had earlier furnished a graphical comparison with other 26 world airports and observed that out of these airports, IGI Airport, New Delhi is the costliest airport. However, on compilation of charges of other world airports from International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) documents 7100-2011 and revised charges of IGI Airport, New Delhi, it is revealed that the IGI Airport, New Delhi stands at 7th for long haul international, 6th for medium haul international and 19th for short haul international from the top.

(c) No, Sir.

IT infrastructure for determining domestic airfares

1723. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that domestic airfares are surging and it has gone up by 30 per cent in the last four months;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking any action by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to curb exorbitant airfares;

(c) whether DGCA is planning to set up information technology infrastructure to collate airlines ticketing data to determine the cost, etc. per passenger; and