

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status; and

(c) the details of plans drawn up, if any to acquire suitable planes and also to create or upgrade the existing infrastructural facilities required for providing dependable air travel facilities in the ever changing whether conditions of North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Wastage of fuel

1-1376. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the number of times aeroplanes had to keep flying in air waiting for landing due to non-availability of space on runway since 1st January, 2005 and the amount spent on wastage of fuel due to this reason?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): Average delay of incoming flights at Metro airports is approximately 25 minutes per flight during peak hours. On an average 10 to 12 arrivals are delayed per hour. The cost of additional fuel incurred due to delay of flights by some major airlines is as under:—

Air India - Rs. 75 lakhs per month (approx)

Jet Airways - Rs. 4.8 lakhs per day

Air Deccan - Rs. 10 lakhs per month (approx)

Kingfisher Airlines - Rs. 9.6 crores per month

Spicejet - Rs. 13.41 lakhs (gross)

Go Airlines - Rs. 10.2 lakhs (approx).

Indian Airlines does not maintain any separate data for the extra fuel spent due to delay of flights

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