

*Statement**Comparative position of Indian Airports*

Sl No.	Airport	Boeing 747	Boeing 767	Airbus 320
1.	IGI Airport, Delhi	13	15	50
2.	CSI Airport, Mumbai	51	57	69
3.	NSCBI Airport, Kolkata	75	84	103
4.	Chennai Airport	92	118	138
5.	Trivandrum Airport	164	177	182
6.	Trichy Airport	167	188	204

Note: Airport charges for foreign airports are as per ICAO Doc 7100 (2011 edition) and Indian airport charges have been updated for financial year 2012-13.

Non-payment of flying allowance to pilots

3905. DR. BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pilots of Air India have not been paid the flying allowance (which accounts for almost 80 per cent of the total pay) since December;

(b) the reasons for not paying flying allowance to domestic pilots of Air India for such a longer period;

(c) whether the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association has given any deadline to the management for regularisation of salary payment otherwise they may stop working on the principle of no-pay-no-work; and

(d) if so, the steps Air India management is going to take to regularise salary payment to the domestic pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) The pilots of Air India have been paid the flying allowance upto January, 2013. However, *w.e.f.* July, 2012 they have been paid at

the rate of 75% upto January, 2013 since their pay fixation is yet to be done. However, their salary has been paid upto date *i.e.* upto March, 2013.

(b) The delay is on account of the severe financial crunch being faced by Air India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Air India has taken various steps to improve its operational and financial performance and as a result it has achieved EBITDA positive at the end of March, 2013. Also, as per recommendations of Justice Dharmadhikari Committee, the Government has already approved the additional allowances to be paid to the pilots.

Modernisation of Chennai Airport

3906. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new modernised Chennai airport has satellite based technology for precision approach and landing of aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project — Ground Based Augmentation System (GBAS) certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was selected by the Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether AAI plans to install further GBAS infrastructure at other Indian airports as part of its air traffic management upgrade program; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Chennai Airport has been selected for implementation of Ground Based Augmentation System (GBAS) for precision approach Category-I as a pilot project with technical assistance under United States — Trade and Development Agency (US-TDA) Grant.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. GBAS will be considered for installation at Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata airports.