

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.