

**Compensation to Air India**

3907. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Boeing Aircraft company is liable to pay compensation to Air India to offset the loss in revenue due to grounding of the Dreamliner for safety reasons;

(b) whether Boeing has also agreed to pay compensation to Air India for undue delay in the delivery of Dreamliner; and

(c) if so, the amount of compensation and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) In line with the standard warranty terms offered by all the aircraft manufacturers, there is a clause in the Warranty which specifies that Boeing will not be liable for any consequential or other damages due loss of use, revenue or profit due to any fault in the aircraft. However, at the time of signing the Purchase Agreement, the situation of grounding of the entire fleet of newly acquired aircrafts (B787) and that too for a prolonged period was not foreseen or taken into account. Therefore, this situation needs to be dealt separately outside the purview of the Purchase Agreement. The issue of compensation for the loss incurred by Air India due to grounding of B787 aircraft has already been taken up with M/s Boeing.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. However, as per the Purchase Agreement signed between Air India and Boeing, the quantum of compensation cannot be disclosed.

**FDI proposal of some foreign airlines**

3908. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FDI proposal of some foreign airlines has been cleared by the Government without the necessary NOC from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA);

(b) if so, the reasons for the lapse while giving the FDI proposal;

(c) whether DGCA would consider lack of airport infrastructure in India and losses of foreign airlines before granting licence or NOC to foreign airlines; and

- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) The decision on FDI proposals are taken by Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) in consultation with concerned Ministries. Recently, two proposals of FDI by foreign airlines have been cleared by FIPB. Ministry of Civil Aviation provides its comments to FIPB on the basis of applicable rules and regulations taking into account the comments of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) The proposal for grant of licence or NOC to start airline is considered on the basis of criteria laid down in the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR).

**Reservation policy regarding employment of SC/ST**

3909. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation policy of Government regarding employment of SC/ST is strictly followed by the Public Sector Undertakings/Companies/Autonomous Bodies under the administrative control of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of the SC/ST appointed during the last three years, organisation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the SC/ST appointed during the last three years, organisation-wise are given below:—

- (i) Ministry of Civil Aviation has constituted committee/sub-committee's and Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) for work measurement study in Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA), an autonomous body under its control. The final report of committee is awaited. Meanwhile to resolve the anomalies in appointment a ban was also imposed in recruitment and promotions in IGRUA on 15th April, 1996. Hence no SC/ST candidates were appointed for last three years in IGRUA.