

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Privatisation of Air India

1241. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Air India (AI) is going to be privatised in the light of Government's decision to permit FDI in aviation sector;
- (b) whether any consultations between Air India employee unions and the Central Government have been held in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) what are the reasons for privatising AI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL): (a) No Sir. No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

### Technical glitches of Dreamliner

1242. SHRI JAIPRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH:

SHRI SALIM ANSARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Boeing 787 Dreamliner has been facing serious technical glitches;
- (b) if so, the details of major and minor glitches faced by Dreamliner so far;
- (c) whether it is a fact that according to statement issued by senior official of Boeing the reliability of the Dreamliner aircraft worldwide is just 97 percent; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for opting the purchase of such aircraft's which is endangering passenger safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) Since gradual induction of B-787 aircraft (Dreamliner) in Air India fleet from September, 2012, there have been 136 minor technical snags on these aircraft till 27.11.2013 and the same were fixed by Boeing/Air India technical teams with alacrity.

(c) The worldwide Despatch Reliability (DR) data for B787 Dreamliner aircraft as available on Boeing site is as below:

| Period             | Industry | Air India |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1st Quarter, 2013  | 98.07    | 94.42     |
| IInd Quarter, 2013 | 96.18    | 95.94     |
| July, 2013         | 97.77    | 97.15     |

The data available on Boeing site is only upto July, 2013.

(d) As far as technical snags on the B 787 are concerned, these issues do not adversely affect the safety of the airplane due to in-built system redundancy. Air India is constantly in contact with Boeing on the issue of Technical Reliability of the aircraft. Boeing technical team has been involved in root cause analysis and in evolving the remedial measures. Accordingly, a reliability enhancement modification package consisting of upgrades to aircraft software and components has been prepared. A Boeing team has arrived to check at Air India Mumbai facility to undertake these modifications. The modification is being sequentially carried out on each of the Dreamliner aircraft during a 10-day maintenance grounding, with effect from 1st December, 2013.

Further, any new airplane when inducted initially, face teething troubles and regular improvements are incorporated as a part of reliability enhancement process. This is a normal process followed as an intrinsic part of maintenance programme throughout the entire life span of the aircraft during operation.

#### **International status for Raipur airport in Chhattisgarh**

†1243. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is contemplating to make Raipur Airport an International airport in Chhattisgarh in view of Chhattisgarh being at the top in the field of industry and minerals;

(b) if so, by when this initiative is likely to be taken; and

(c) whether private airline services are likely to be started between Raipur and Bastar and Sarguja which are at a distance of more than 300 Kms.?

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

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.