

Management), PS (Project System), PM (Plant Maintenance) modules-mostly for the backend office activities for Air India and its subsidiaries companies. The programme covers reservation in employment to SC/ST but not Haj Pilgrimage.

Shortage of staff in ANS department

2026. DR. T.N. SEEMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the functioning of the Air Navigation System (ANS) department is facing problems due to an acute shortage of staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether around 150 cases have been reported of situations where two aircrafts came dangerously close to each other in mid-air, reflecting the seriousness of the staff shortage in ANS department; and

(d) the action plan formulated by Government to deal with such problems and to fill the vacant posts within a prescribed time frame?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is informed that there were 23 incidents of airprort in Indian Flight Information Region during last one year but none of these incidents was due to shortage of ANS staff.

(d) The recruitment and training is an ongoing process. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has recruited 318, 294 and 188 Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively. Further, AAI Board has approved the creation of 680 posts of ATCOs in various grades for future requirements.

Operation of A380 Aircraft in the country

2027. SHRI S. THANGAVELU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India (AI) is headed for further trouble as