

engineering and aeronautical engineering from the concerned institute situated in Guwahati; and

(b) If so, the steps being taken up by Government to make operation of the flying club including setting up of maintenance base at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International (LGB) Airport, Guwahati to encourage and benefit such large number of students of NER since air-craft engineering and aeronautical engineering are marked as lucrative profession globally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL) : (a) Originally, the approval as Flying Training Organisation was granted to Assam Flying Club till 22.09.2007. Thereafter, the Assam Flying Club has not applied for renewal of the licence hence the approval has not been renewed.

(b) There is no request pending in Ministry for renewal of approval w.r.t Assam Flying Club.

Further, there is no request proposal pending with Ministry for setting up of maintenance base at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International (LGBI) Airport, Guwahati.

#### **Increase in passenger and freight air traffic**

2033. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that between 2008-09 and 2012-13, passenger and freight traffic at airports increased at a compound annual growth rate of 10 per cent and 6.54 per cent respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after registering an increase of 15.9 per cent in 2010-11, passenger traffic at Indian airports fell by around 1.9 per cent in 2012-13; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details are given in Statement (*See*

below).

(c) The shortfall in the passenger traffic in 2012-13 compared to 2011-12 was mainly due to (i) global economic slowdown, (ii) sharp increase in the price of Aviation Turbine Fuel (iii) bad financial health of domestic airlines and (iv) suspension of flights by Kingfisher Airlines.

***Statement***

***PAX and freight traffic trends--All India airports***

| Year  | Passengers (in million) |        |        | Freight (in '000 MT) |        |         |
|---|-------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|--------|---------|
|   | INTL                    | DOM    | Total  | INTL                 | DOM    | Total   |
| 2008-09                                     | 31.58                   | 77.29  | 108.88 | 1149.92              | 552.06 | 1701.99 |
| 2009-10                                     | 34.37                   | 89.39  | 123.76 | 1270.71              | 689.20 | 1959.92 |
| % Change                                    | 8.8%                    | 15.6%  | 13.7%  | 10.5%                | 24.8%  | 15.2%   |
| 2010-11                                     | 37.91                   | 105.52 | 143.43 | 1496.24              | 852.66 | 2348.90 |
| % Change                                    | 10.3%                   | 18.1%  | 15.9%  | 17.7%                | 23.7%  | 19.8%   |
| 2011-12                                     | 40.80                   | 121.51 | 162.31 | 1467.90              | 812.09 | 2279.99 |
| % Change                                    | 7.6%                    | 15.1%  | 13.2%  | -1.9%                | -4.8%  | -2.9%   |
| 2012-13                                     | 43.03                   | 116.37 | 159.40 | 1406.33              | 784.22 | 2190.55 |
| % Change                                    | 5.5%                    | -4.2%  | -1.8%  | -4.2%                | -3.4%  | -3.9%   |
| CAGR.last 4 years<br>(2012-13 over 2008-09) | 8.0%                    | 10.8%  | 10.0%  | 5.2%                 | 3.2%   | 6.5%    |

**Permission for air service**

2034. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has permitted new investors to start airline services in the country;