

had made three recommendations on 04-06-2008 which pertain to the case of Shri Rebat Pal who was in the cadre of Flight Engineering. The status with regard to the three recommendations is as follows: -

(i) Non recovery of training charges of ₹2.9 lakh incurred at IGRUA from Shri Rebat Pal on the ground that these charges were spent by Government for his rehabilitation by providing special training support to SC/ST candidates to promote them to acquire higher level. This recommendation has not been complied with by Air India since training cost was also recovered from two other similarly placed individuals in the recovery clause which was a part of the terms and conditions accepted by Shri Rebat Pal.

(ii) Shri Rebat should be promoted w.e.f. 2002 by giving him benefit of Protection Clause and he should be placed in other department under rehabilitation scheme at a better position as he has already suffered for last six years for not being promoted. Shri Rebat Pal could not be promoted w.e.f. 2002 since he was not found suitable for promotion to the post of Sr. Manager (Flight Engineering). Subsequently, Shri Rebat Pal was considered for promotion to the post of Sr. Manager (Flight Engineering) and on being found suitable, he was appointed as Sr. Manager (Flight Engineering) on 31.03.2007. However, on his request, he has been placed in Engineering Department as Assistant General Manager (Support Services) in the regular Pay Scale of Engineering Department.

(iii) To favorably considered the request of Shri Rebat Pal for Hobby Flying. The recommendation has been complied with.

Frequent re-scheduling of flights in Kolkata-Silchar route

3319. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rescheduling of air India flights is done frequently in Kolkata-Silchar route which causes inconvenience to the passengers leading to cancellation of tickets and bringing bad reputation to the airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Air India operates 4 flights/week on Kolkata-Silchar route. Air India changed the schedule of its flight AI-753/AI-754 on Kolkata-Silchar & vv route from afternoon operations to morning operations with effect from 7th September - 25th October, 2014. It was decided to shift the Kolkata-Silchar flight from afternoon to morning, as Silchar has clear weather in the mornings.

However, as large number of passengers had made bookings in advance, so as to

avoid inconvenience to them, Air India temporarily continued the afternoon operations with effect from 26th October, 2014 till 15th November, 2014.

The morning schedule was implemented again with effect from 16th November, 2014 and is currently in operation.

(c) Scheduled airlines operate their flights as per DGCA approved schedule. However, at times the flights are rescheduled due to technical, operational, commercial, weather and miscellaneous reasons which are beyond the control of airlines.

Reduction of domestic and international flights by AI from Kerala

3320. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India (AI) has reduced its domestic and international services from Kerala during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the on time punctuality of AI-48 and AI-466 is at par with the general average of Air India;

(d) whether any complaint was received by Government regarding the irregular service and timing of AI-466 and AI-48; and

(e) if so, the details of steps taken on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Air India had reduced one flight out of the three flights on Delhi-Kochi sector, effective 7th, October, 2014 due to shortage of A320 aircraft. However, Air India has restored this flight w.e.f. 15th December, 2014.

(c) Details of On Time Performance (OTP) of AI-48 and AI-466 are as below:

Flight	OTP (January to November, 2014) (in percentage)		
AI-48	Delhi-Cochin	-	53
	Cochin-Trivandrum	-	42
AI-466	Trivandrum-Cochin	-	99
	Cochin-Delhi	-	98

Average On Time Performance of Air India flights for the same period is 75%.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.