

a Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) to improve the operation and financial performance of Air India. Under TAP/FRP, infusion of equity of ₹30231 crores upto 2021, has been approved subject to the achievement of certain laid down milestones by Air India. The performance of Air India has been improving consistently. A comparison of some operational and financial parameters for 2013-14 *vis-a-vis* 2010-11 is as follows:

- (i.) Network OTP improved to 77.9%
- (ii.) Passenger Load Factor has improved to 73.6% from 66.1%.
- (iii.) Network Yield improved to 4.31/RPKM from 3.46/RPKM.
- (iv.) Operating Loss is estimated to reduce by 47% *i.e.* by ₹ 1898 crores in 2013- 14.
- (v.) The Company is expected to be EBIDTA positive by ₹ 771 cores as against the negative EBIDTA of ₹ 1659 crores.
- (vi.) Total Revenue increased by ₹ 4975 crores *i.e.* 35%.
- (vii.) Utilisation of Pilots has increased from 52 hours to 64 hours per month.
- (viii.) Complete International peace in the Company. No man days lost during the last 24 months.

Development of Utkala Airstrip

178. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many air fields in the country have been developed in the backward regions as Greenfield airport; and
- (b) whether there is any proposal to develop Utkala airstrip in Kalahandi District as Greenfield airport in Public Private Participation (PPP) mode in KBK regions in Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. However, Government of India (GoI) has granted “in principle” approval for setting up of 15 Greenfield airports in the country namely, Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Hasan and Shimoga in Karnataka, Kannur and Aranmula in Kerala, Durgapur in West Bengal, Dabra in Madhya Pradesh, Pakyong in Sikkim, Karaikal in Pudducherry and Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh.

- (b) No, Sir.