

(c) The cost incurred for upgradation and modernization of Chennai and Kolkata airports is ₹ 2015 crores and ₹ 2325 crores respectively.

(d) Government of India has initiated the process for undertaking Operation, Management and Development of four AAI managed airports including Chennai and Kolkata through Public Private Partnership mode. AAI has issued Request For Qualification Documents on 30.12.2014.

Pantnagar Airport as International Cargo Airport

†1300. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of making Pant nagar Airport of Uttarakhand an international cargo airport and Jolly Grant Airport an international airport is under consideration of the Ministry;

(b) if so, by when these airports are likely to be converted into international airports;

(c) if not, whether the Ministry will accept the request of the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present. However, the Government has decided to promote the six metro airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad as international hubs to serve as the main access points for international travel to and from India, as this is essential for developing domestic civil aviation.

Independent probe into out of service Boeing 777 aircrafts

1301. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India pilots have sought an independent probe by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) into the airlines' costly decisions to insure six aircrafts that have been out of service for years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.