

(c) the details of the profit/loss incurred in the domestic flying of Air India, sector wise, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The domestic operations of Air India are not meeting the total over all costs during the last two years i.e. 2012-13 and 2013-14. The details of surplus over variable costs in the domestic flying by Air India during 2012-13 and 2013-14 are ₹ 885.22 crores and ₹ 1100.76 crores respectively.

(b) and (c) Since the route profitability on various sectors is confidential and will harm the commercial interest of the Company, the information on sector-wise, year-wise profit/loss in the domestic flying of Air India cannot be revealed.

Expansion of Pithoragarh Airport

†1320. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion of Pithoragarh Airport of Uttarakhand is being done keeping in view the future international flights;

(b) if not, whether Government will provide resources for making it suitable for handling international flights; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Pithoragarh Airport belongs to the State Government of Uttarakhand. Development/upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken from time to time depending upon the traffic demand, commercial viability, socio economic considerations, availability of land etc. At present, there is no proposal with Airports Authority of India (AAI) for expansion of the Pithoragarh airport. The proposal for expansion of airports are considered as per the existing policy of the Government, as and when received from the State Government.

Compensation to air passengers

1321. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aviation companies are charging original fare tax and other charges along with air traffic congestion charge from the passengers; if so, the details thereof;

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