

upon various factors such as willingness of the private players, commercial viability, socio-economic responsibility of the Government, support from the concerned State Governments etc.

Package for survival of budget carriers

2092. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is concerned over financial distress of budget carriers and is planning any package for their survival; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government is concerned over financial health of all airlines including budget airlines. No financial package is planned for budget airlines by the Government. However, since fuel constitutes about 40-50% of cost of operation of an airline, Ministry of Finance was requested to include Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) under declared goods. State Governments have also been requested to reduce VAT on ATF in their respective States.

PPP model for existing airports in the country

2093. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to apply Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for development of existing airports in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the cost of each project etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Based on the recommendations of Task Force on Financing Plan for Airports during Twelfth Five Year Plan Period, set up by erstwhile Planning Commission, Government of India (GoI) has initiated the process for undertaking Operation, Management and Development of Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Jaipur airports through Public Private Partnership (PPP). Airports Authority of India (AAI) has issued Request for Qualification documents on 30.12.2014. The RFQs *inter-alia* indicate the mandatory capital works to be executed by the successful bidder in next 3-5 years as follows:- Chennai airport - ₹ 492 crores, Kolkata airport - ₹ 375 crores, Ahmedabad airport - ₹ 472 crores and Jaipur airport - ₹ 500 crores.