

safety aspects of Civil Aviation. BCAS, through a VSEC Orders/Circulars continuously strengthens the security measures in response to situation and circumstances to measure/control security issues of the sector. The existing security measures are inspected/assessed from time to time commensurate with the threat and risk. There are five National Civil Aviation Security documents that detail the procedure and guidelines for handling various security related issues. The measures taken by DGCA to ensure the safety of aircraft and its passengers include Surveillance Inspection and Regulatory Audits, issue of Air Safety circular/Civil Aviation Requirements, Surveillance by Flight Inspectors, Safety Audit of Operators, Periodic Spot Checks, Special Operating Precautions in Poor Weather Conditions, Airworthiness Control on Ageing Aircraft, prevention of Bird Strike Incidents etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of the reply to part (b) above.

Status of infrastructure industry to Airlines Sector

†24. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is contemplating to create a fund for operation of flights in the small cities like Gorakhpur, Agra, Kanpur etc. and far flung areas of north eastern region under which assistance may be provided to the flight operating companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has agreed on according the status of infrastructure industry to the aviation industry, the proposal for which has been sent to the Finance Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, in accordance with the decision of Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure, Airports have been included as a sub-sector of Transport Infrastructure.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.