

dreamliners for technical modifications and improvements for resolving the issues. It may be noted that these issues do not adversely affect the safety of the passengers or the airplane.

(c) The present strength of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers, Technical Officers, Service Engineers and Executive are sufficient to carry out the engineering maintenance, repair and overhaul activities being done.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Pawan Hans services in Uttarakhand

†1623. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would consider to launch the services of Pawan Hans in view of making the Chardham Yatra in the State of Uttarakhand more convenient and for promoting tourism there; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be launched and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. If Government of Uttarakhand desires to launch services of Chardham Yatra (base Dehradun), Pawan Hans would endeavour to meet their requirement by providing helicopter on long term lease to the State Government. However, Pawan Hans has been providing helicopter services in the State for pilgrims visiting Kedarnathji Dham every year during Yatra Seasons. In addition, Charter services are being provided from Dehradun for Badrinathji Dham and Char Dham Yatra as per demand for charter helicopter.

Restructuring of international route plans by AI

1624. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to launch the services of Air India in any new domestic/international sector;

(b) the total number of international routes operated by Air India and the revenue/expenditure generated/incurred thereof during each of last three years till date, country-wise;

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