

New airports in Bihar

†978. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to build new airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of airports proposed to be built in the country and the names of places in Bihar where airports are proposed, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR.MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India (GoI) has so far granted 'in-principle' approval for setting up of 14 Greenfield airports namely, Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Shimoga, Gulbarga, Hassan and Bijapur in Karnataka, Kannur in Kerala, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Datia in Gwalior (Cargo) in Madhya Pradesh, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh and Karaikal in Puducherry. The commercial operations at Durgapur in West Bengal have already commenced on 18th May, 2015. As per the Greenfield Airport Policy, the applicant proposing to set up an airport would make an application to the Steering Committee in the format as per Greenfield Airport Policy. Presently, no proposal has been received for setting up of Greenfield Airport in Bihar as per Greenfield Airport Policy.

Improvement in financial efficiency of Air India

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

(a) whether Air India have improved in the area of financial efficiency during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) which International segment provides for highest profit/revenue for Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR.MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) In view of the losses suffered by Air India upto 2010-11 and its mounting debt burden, the Cabinet Committee on Economic

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