

**Fine tuning of Civil Aviation Rule, 2008**

2478. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to fine tune the Civil Aviation Rule, 2008, in pursuance of the recent directions of the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure that no disabled person is offloaded/deboarded from a flight owing to her/his disability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. In order to comply the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section-3, Air Transport, Series-M, Part-I on "Carriage by Air-Persons with Disability and/or Persons with Reduced Mobility" was reviewed and Revision 4 was issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation on 12th July, 2016. The latest revision covers the following aspects:

1. Development of a procedure for making advance request of stretcher and uploading the same on airline's website.
2. Standardization of assistive devices being used to assist persons with disability at airport as per the standards set by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
3. Provision of towable ramp at airport where ambulift or aerobridge facility is not available.
4. Training aspects for sensitization and development of awareness to all personnel engaged in passenger services at airport for assisting persons with disability or reduced mobility and to ensure that they are well briefed about their responsibilities. Earlier provision of training was applicable for personnel from airport operators and airlines.

**Status of International Airports to Ranchi, Raipur and Jharsuguda**

2479. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government is planning to make Ranchi, Raipur and Jharsuguda airports International Airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): Development of an airport to international standards is a continuous process which is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) depending upon demand from airlines, traffic potential, economic viability, availability of land for