

posts arising out of retirement of officers/staff. In the CFSLs in the Country, Flexible Complementary Scheme (FCS) is in operation for the Scientists. Under FCS, Scientists are promoted on an in situ basis to higher posts as prescribed in the Rules.

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

Security force for protecting airports

2482. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the Ministry of Civil Aviation for raising a security force exclusively for protecting its airports in the country;
- (b) what would be the total strength of such a force;
- (c) whether it will be placed under the command and control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and
- (d) how Government proposes to raise manpower for such a force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has not received any such proposal from Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA).

Manpower to secure airports of the country

2483. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many airports are there in the country;
- (b) how many of these airports are being protected by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF);
- (c) what is the total sanctioned strength of CISF and whether there is enough manpower to secure all the airports of the country; and
- (d) what is the additional manpower that is required to man all the airports of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) There are 98 operational airports in the country. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is deployed at 59 airports out of the 98 operational airports.