

Privatisation of Pawan Hans Limited

†1606. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether after Air India the Government's move on privatisation of Pawan Hans Limited has also suffered a setback;

(b) whether private companies are not taking interest in the privatisation of Pawan Hans;

(c) whether Government is planning for 100 per cent privatisation of Pawan Hans now; and

(d) whether privatisation of Pawan Hans would also affect the operation of ONGC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) to (c) Government of India (GoI) is in the process of disinvesting its entire 100 per cent shareholding (51% of PHL). The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), Ministry of Finance, has appointed M/s SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS) as Transaction Advisor (TA) to advise and manage the strategic sale of Pawan Hans Limited (PHL). The last date for submission of Expression of Interest (EoI) was 18.06.2018. The Guidance note-1 on Strategic Disinvestment issued by DIPAM *inter alia* states that the Transaction Advisor should strictly maintain the confidentiality of the potential bidders. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) *vide* its letter dated 2nd July, 2018 has conveyed that ONGC Board resolved that it would be the preferred option for ONGC to divest its entire 49% stake and exit simultaneously alongwith Government of India. Currently, the shortlisting process of the interested bidders is underway.

(d) PHL is providing 7 helicopters to ONGC for its off-shore helicopter requirements for crew change and production task including night ambulance. Apart from PHL, there are 2 other private operators engaged by ONGC for the above requirements. PHL may continue to provide its helicopter services to ONGC as per provision of their contract with ONGC.

Making airports in Maharashtra solar powered

1607. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make the airports in Maharashtra and other

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