by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and concerned private operators from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. As a part of the NABH Nirman airport capacity expansion programme, the Government of India has proposed to increase the capacity of airports by 4 to 5 times to handle a billion passenger trips per year over the next 10 to 15 years. To meet the demand, AAI has embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of ₹ 25,000 crores in next 4-5 years for development / modernisation / upgradation of terminal buildings of AAI airports in the country including Calicut, Port Blair, Agartala, Guwahati, Chennai, Lucknow, Dehradun, Jaipur, Srinagar, Tiruchirapalli, Pune, Patna, Jabalpur, Vijayawada, Leh, Agra and Kolhapur. Concerned private operators at Delhi and Bengaluru airports have proposed to increase the overall capacity of the airports by way of expansion and upgradation of Terminal-I, Construction of 4th runway & Parallel Taxi Track at Delhi Airport and construction of 2nd Terminal Building & new runway at Bengaluru Airport.

(d) As per Greenfield airport policy of Government of India, for construction of new Greenfield airport the State Government/Airport Operator has to identify suitable site(s) and then send application to Ministry of Civil Aviation for site-clearance and in-principle approval.

Development of Chaudhary Charan Singh airport, Lucknow

- 168. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal with Government to develop and upgrade the Chaudhary Charan Singh airport in the city of Lucknow;
- (b) whether there is any plan to increase the size of airstrips and develop the terminal building of the airport; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has awarded work for construction of a new integrated terminal building at Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow at an estimated cost of ₹ 1383 Crores, for enhancing the passenger handling capacity of the airport to 13.6 million passengers per annum (MPPA) from the existing

3 MPPA with the Probable Date of Completion (PDC) in August, 2021. Further, AAI has projected a land requirement of 67.59 acres to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for extension of runway to 3325m from the present 2742m.

Regular flights from airport in Ratnagiri

†169. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether domestic airport in Ratnagiri in Konkan region is located in district headquarter itself and this terminal is only used occasionally;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to start regular flights from domestic airports located in Ratnagiri; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Ratnagiri Airport in Konkan region belongs to the Government of Maharashtra and the State Government has handed over the airport to Indian Coast Guard (ICG) for their airbase. The airport is located in district headquarters and is used occasionally for State VIP movements.

(c) and (d) The Government of Maharashtra has taken steps to acquire additional land for construction of Parallel Taxi Track (PTT) and Civil Terminal at the Airport to handle regular civil flights under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN of Government of India.

New embarkation point at Gannavaram airport for Haj Pilgrims

- 170. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry has received any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for allotment of new embarkation point at Gannavaram airport for Haj pilgrims;
 - (b) if so, the status thereof; and
 - (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Ministry in this regard?

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.