

shareholding in Air India Express and AI SATS was issued on 28th March, 2018. No EoI/bid was received till the last date of receipt of bids, *i.e.* 31st May, 2018. The Government remains committed to the disinvestment of Air India. In this regard, the Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) has, *inter alia* decided that in view of volatile crude prices and adverse fluctuations in exchange rates, the present environment is not conducive to stimulate interest amongst investors for the strategic disinvestment of Air India in the near future. The issue would be revisited once global economic indicators including oil prices and forex conditions stabilize.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Regarding Jet Airways, no such information is available with this Ministry. However, probable reasons as analyzed by the Transaction Advisor *i.e.* M/s EY for non-receipt of bids for Air India do not mention manpower liability as a reason adversely affecting the divestment of Air India.

#### **Aircraft Manufacturing Policy**

289. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to draft an Aircraft Manufacturing Policy in India in order to boost airplane manufacturing in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) and b) No, Sir. At present, no proposal to draft an Aircraft Manufacturing Policy is under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

#### **Non-payment of salaries to staff and pilots by private airlines**

290. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that many private airlines are not able to pay even salaries to their pilots and staff for some months; and

(b) if so, what are the names of these airlines and what steps are being taken to ensure that airlines staff and pilots are paid their salaries in time and adequate measures are taken for the safety of passengers travelling in these private airlines?