WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Rajya Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 1121 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th February 2023

NEGLIGENCE OF ATC STAFF AT LUCKNOW AIRPORT

1121. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the air traffic controller (ATC) staff at Lucknow Airport leave the operation of airplanes on the automatic devices during the night;
- (b) the number of equipments found switched off at Lucknow Airport during night;
- (c) whether switching off of these devices increases the possibility of an accident; and
- (d) steps taken to prevent such incidents at smaller airports, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

- (a): Lucknow airport is manned and equipped to handle the present traffic requirements at the airport without compromising on safety.
- (b): No such instrument/ equipment is dysfunctional at Lucknow Airport.
- (c) & (d): No, Sir. Even in case of failure of any equipment, redundancies are available. Additionally, alternate established procedures are also available to ensure safety of the flight operations.
