

acquisition of 10 medium capacity long-range (A-340-300) and 18 small Capacity short-range (B-737-800) aircraft at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,589 crores. The Project Report relating to this proposal has not yet been received by the Government.

Accidents involving private airlines

1414. SHRI G.K. VASAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of accidents involving aircrafts run by private operations; and

(b) the action taken against such operators for not taking safety measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) There had been 11 accidents to Indian Civil Registered Aircraft belonging to private operators from 01.01.2001 to 30.11.2003.

(b) In order to enhance the safety standard, corrective action, as deemed appropriate, on the recommendations emanating from investigation of accidents are taken on a continuous basis.

Phasing out of Aircrafts with AI

1415. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of aircrafts available with Air India;

(b) how many are proposed to be phased out and how many are likely to be acquired;

(c) what is the total cost involved in the phasing out and the acquisition; and

(d) by when the process is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) 31.

(b) to (d) The Board of Directors of Air India in its meeting held on