

wholly owned subsidiary to undertake airport handling and allied services;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) in what manner ground handling work is being carried out presently and what advantages are expected from the proposed subsidiary;

(d) whether private parties, including overseas entities would be allowed to invest in the subsidiary; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed Company shall have an Authorised Capital of Rs. 100 crores and Rs. 10 crores as Paid-up Capital initially. The main object of the Company is to provide ground handling services at all airports to airlines. The Company has also been authorized to carry out many other functions viz. maintenance of equipment, vehicles, hangars, etc.

(c) Indian Airlines fully carried out ground handling jobs of its flights at all domestic airports except at Kochi, where Air India and CIAL handle Indian Airlines flights. At foreign Airports, except at Kathmandu, Indian Airlines flights are handled by established ground handling agencies. At Kathmandu, Indian Airlines handles its flights on its own.

Indian Airlines shall be able to focus itself on Airlines core business, and ground handling activities can be better performed by the proposed subsidiary. By forming Joint Ventures, it can reap benefits of the Joint Venture partners' expertise, experience and resources.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The proposed Company is authorized to enter into Joint Ventures, collaboration with Indian and/or foreign individuals and/or other entities/organisations for technical, financial and/or any other assistance in consonance with the policy of the Government.

### **Expansion of air services from Belgaum**

1660. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to operate passenger flights to steps taken by Government to operate passenger flights to Bangalore, Mumbai and other places from Belgaum Airport in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): Government has laid Route Disposal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.

### **Arrest of touts at Delhi Airport**

1661. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a conflicting claims by CISF and Delhi Police in regard to arrest of touts active at the Delhi Airports;

(b) whether the performance of CISF has been reviewed since it took over the security of airports all over the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) With the induction of CISF at Delhi Airport, the coordination procedures between CISF and Delhi Police with regard to maintenance of law and order in the vicinity of airport were required to be worked out. In the recent meeting held between Delhi Police and CISF at IGI Airport, the procedure has been evolved. It was decided that touts, if any, detected by CISF personnel at the airport would be handed over to the unit of the Delhi Police located at Delhi Airport, for taking necessary legal action.

(b) to (d) The performance of CISF is reviewed through a system of periodic inspections, dummy exercises and surprise checks by officers of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). Lapses, if any, noticed are immediately brought to the notice of CISF for corrective action.

### **Airport at Kanyakumari**

1662. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider setting up of state-of-the-art airport in Kanyakumari to boost tourism;