

Indian Airlines

S. No.	Category	Total Strength
<i>Executive</i>		
(i)	Pilots	78
(ii)	Engineers	188
(iii)	Flight Engineers	0
(iv)	General Category Officer	293
<i>Non-Executive</i>		
(i)	Line Pilots	298
(ii)	Flight Engineers	33
(iii)	Ground Instructors	17
(iv)	Cabin Crew	958
(v)	Aircraft Engineers	671
(vi)	General Category Officers (10/15)	1278
(vii)	Technicians	2787
(viii)	Non-Technical Staff in Grade in 3 to 9	7815
(ix)	Others (Grade 1/2)	5432
*Total		19848

*This figure does not include SHOD (Short Haul Operations Department) employees.

Airlink to Gorakhpur and Kushinagar

†3147. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to link Gorakhpur or Kushinagar through civilian flights;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, by when; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Airlines are free to connect any place in their commercial judgement subject of course to the compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.

Acquisition of Land for Airport at Kannur

3148. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the land acquisition for the Airport at Kannur in Kerala is in progress;
- (b) whether Government would consider to accord sanction for the Kannur airport by reviewing its earlier stand;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) to (d) The matter is under consideration.

Misuse of Funds for Upgradation of Airports

3149. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have released funds to Airports Authority of India for upgradation of various airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated during each of the last three years indicating the actual amount spent on each airport till date;
- (c) the names of airports upgraded till date likely to be upgraded indicating whether Jaipur is also being considered for upgradation; if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government have received any report regarding misuse of funds in this regard; and