

In October, 2001 Indian Airlines was asked to formulate proposal for acquisition of fleet, so that release of Rs. 325 crores could be considered as and when Government takes a final view on the proposal of Indian Airlines.

(c) and (d) During the last three years Government had appointed three Courts/Committees of Inquiry on the aircraft accidents. These Committee have made 76 safety related recommendations out of which 25 recommendations have since been implemented. The rest of the recommendations are also in the process of implementation. However, some of these recommendations being long term in nature it would not be possible to indicate a time-frame for their implementation.

Safety norms at IGIA

4243. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi has been found to be flouting safety norms prescribed by the International Civil Aviation Organisations;

(b) if so, whether according to the ICAO guidelines, IGI Airport falls in category 9 to maintain basic safety norms in terms of maintaining the fire and ambulance services at the airport;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being considered by Government to take safety measures in the IGI Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In accordance with guidelines of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi falls in category 9 which is the highest category of fire and safety services required to be provided for the existing largest commercial aircraft operating at the airport. In pursuance of these guidelines of the ICAO, basic safety norms in terms of maintaining fire services are being maintained at IGI Airport. There are no guidelines prescribed by ICAO to maintain ambulance services at the airport. However, four ambulances are being maintained at IGI Airport.

(d) All safety measures, as per guidelines of the ICAO, are implemented at IGI Airport.