

take-off" and "pay load penalty" and the helicopters were acquired after finding them suitable by two expert technical teams. The team that cleared the helicopter with respect to "zero risk on take off" consisted of representatives of Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Indian Air Force and Indian Airlines. The team that dealt with "pay load penalty" was composed of representatives of Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Indian Air Force, Indian Airlines and Helicopter Corporation of India now known as Pawan Hans Limited. One time operating lump-sum subsidy of £ 10 million was also given by the manufacturers to offset the high operational cost from the 7th year of operation.

(e) Due to multiple problems in their operation, all the Westland helicopters in the fleet of Pawan Hans have been grounded since 21-12-89 till corrective measures are taken on the basis of report to be submitted by the Hussainy Committee appointed for examining various operational/safety aspects of the helicopters. Before the grounding, the helicopters were on wet-lease to ONGC/ State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(f) The performance of Westland Helicopters has not been satisfactory.

Upgradation of Bangalore Airport

77. SHRI R. GUNDU RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade the Bangalore Airport as an International Airport; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Expenditure by Air India Publicity

78. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure being incurred by Air India per month on publicity and its proportion in foreign exchange and the amount being given to the consultants and designers;

(b) whether Government have reviewed the aforesaid expenditure during the last two months; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Publicity expenditure of Air India in India and abroad for the period April, 89 to September, 89 is indicated below:—

(Rs in crores)

Period	Expenditure in India	Expenditure abroad
1	2	3
April, 89	0.74	0.74
May, 89	0.77	0.76