

Committee to Study Maintenance Facilities of Westland Helicopters

2268. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of Civil Aviation has ordered a study of the maintenance facilities in respect of the fleet of Westland helicopters used by the Pawan Hans;

(b) if so, the composition of the study team; and

(c) the scope of the study and the target date for the completion of the study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Director General of Civil Aviation has ordered a study of the maintenance facilities for both Westland and Dauphin helicopters in the fleet of Pawan Hans Limited.

(b) The Study Team comprises of experts from Director General of Civil Aviation, Indian Airlines and Air India.

(c) The study team is to examine existing maintenance facilities and procedures including training programme of their personnel followed by Pawan Hans and to make recommendations to strengthen and improve maintenance facilities, procedures and manpower resources. The team is expected to submit its report to Director General of Civil Aviation by end of April, 1989.

Air India Revenue From Gule Sector

2269. SHRI P. A. ANTONY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total revenue earned by Air India

in 1987-88;

(b) the revenue from Gulf sector during 1987-88; and

(c) the details of the most profitable sectors of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The total traffic revenue earned by Air India in 1987-88 was Rs. 939.74 crores.

(b) The revenue from Gulf sector during 1987-88 was Rs. 234.81 crores.

(c) During 1987-88 the most profitable route was Gulf route. The operating profit on this route was Rs. 43.29 crores.

Airlink Between Haldia and Calcutta

2270. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to air link Haldia and Calcutta with Vayudoot services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Shortage of aircraft capacity and paucity of other resources do not permit inclusion of Haldia in the immediate expansion plans of Vayudoot.