

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3392

ANSWERED ON:18.08.2003

PAWAN AGREEMENT WITH CHC

ASHOK ARGAL;LAXMAN GILUWA;MAHESHWAR SINGH;RAMJI MANJHI;SURINDER SINGH BARWALA

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Canadian Helicopter Company (CHC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this was in violation of order by DGCA banning all commercial and financial agreement with foreign company;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of the objectives of MoU;
- (f) whether these objectives have been achieved; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the PHHL has been benefited?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s. CHC Helicopters International Inc. (CHII) of Canada on 7th of June, 2002. The MoU, inter-alia, envisages CHII assistance to PHHL in upgrading its maintenance facilities and further improving its operational and management systems through induction of state-of-the-art technology. As a sequel to the above, PHHL and CHII further signed MoU on 07.07.2003 under which PHHL agreed to provide operational & maintenance support in case Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) award contract to CHII, subject to all regulatory requirements including guidelines issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(c):- No, Sir. The MoUs have not been in violation of DGCA guidelines since it does not involve equity participation or management control by CHII in PHHL.

(d):- Does not arise.

(e):- The MoU would help in providing business opportunities to PHHL through possible operation of its helicopters abroad, and increasing revenue due to the upgraded maintenance facilities.

(f) and (g):- Efforts to achieve the objectives is an on-going process. At present two PHHL engineers are getting free training at CHII's facilities in Canada.