GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:517 ANSWERED ON:25.02.2010 FAILURE OF COMPUTER SYSTEM AT IGI AIRPORT Rao Shri Nama Nageswara

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recently due to crashing of computer system giving flight data to Air Traffic Controller in Delhi, the air traffic was brought to standstill;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any step has been taken to avoid any such recurrences in future and also to replace the Auto Track-II (computer software) system with a better advanced version to rectify the snags of the existing software;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) & (b): ATC Automation System displays failed on 14.01.2010 from 1744 IST to 1930 IST. On 26.01.2010 from 0030-0200 hrs.,two monitoring position in tower and standby position in ACC display units failed. Safety of flights, however, were ensured. During failure of ATC Automation System, another system which was available in shadow mode, was put into service immediately. Failed System was also restored subsequently.
- (c) & (d): Autotrak III system has been installed and testing is in progress for operationalization.
- (e): Doesn't arise.