GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2417 ANSWERED ON:11.03.2010 HELICOPTER ACCIDENTS Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of helicopter accidents occurred during the last three years;
- (b) the number of persons died in these accidents;
- (c) the total loss suffered due to accidents;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared a special plan to prevent helicopter accidents in future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a):- There were total seven accidents to Indian Civil Registered helicopters during the last three years.
- (b):- There were total 15 fatalities involved in these seven accidents.
- (c):- Government does not maintain the data of financial loss to operators.
- (d) and (e):- Safety recommendations emanating from investigation of incidents are followed up for implementation with the concerned agencies for preventing recurrence of such incidents in future. To avoid air accidents, various accident prevention programmes have been initiated by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which include safety audits, surveillance inspections, dissemination of safety information, issue of Air Safety Circular/ Civil Aviation Requirements, etc.