GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:725 ANSWERED ON:29.07.2010 AIR INDIA TO GROUND ITS FLEET IN FUTURE STRIKES Reddy Shri Komatireddy Raj Gopal

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is to ground 15 per cent fleet in case of future strikes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the losses suffered by Air India and other airlines during the last three years due to strike alongwith the reasons for each strike; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to tackle such situation in future?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): No, Madam.

(c): The losses suffered by NACIL and other airlines due to strikes were around Rs.127 Crores. Excutive Pilots in NACIL resorted to strike in view of proposed cut in flying allowance which was necessitated due to critical financial position of the Company. Jet Airways has informed that the strike by its pilots was a stimulated strike.

(d): As regards NACIL, the Board of NACIL has constituted an HR Sub-Committee in order to consider the various issues and grievances of its employees. The Board of NACIL is in constant dialogue with the Unions/Associations to bring in greater discipline in the organisation's working.