GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:499 ANSWERED ON:11.11.2010 DEATH PENALTY FOR PLANE HIJACKERS Nirupam Shri Sanjay Brijkishorilal

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government is considering any proposal to impose death penalty for plane hijackers;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the Government is considering any proposal to amend the anti-hijacking Act of 1982;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): the steps taken in this matter?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. The amendment of Section 3 and 4 of the Anti-Hijacking Act, 1982, proposing death penalty for hijacker and for conspirators/abettors of the offence of hijacking of aircraft, is under process. The Anti-Hijacking Amendment Bill 2010 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 19.8.2010.