GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:504 ANSWERED ON:11.11.2010 TYTO HAJ PILGRIMS Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Delhi International Airport Limited has promised a comfortable transit for Haj pilgrims out of Indira Gandhi International Airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Haj pilgrims have expressed their satisfaction with the arrangements at the airports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Transit Haj Pilgrims from state of Jammu & Kashmir and Bihar, were transported from Domestic Terminal to Haj Terminal, in a dedicated coach, duly escorted by CISF and Airlines Security through Air Side perimeter Road; (ii)The pilgrims were directly taken to Haj Terminal, for completion of Pre- embarkation security formalities,through a dedicated transfer gate; (iii) At Security Hold Area, all arrangements for the comfort of Pilgrims were provided, including STD telephone facilities;(iv)Senior Functionaries from Delhi Internaitonal Airport Pvt. Ltd.(DIAL) in coordination with Haj Committee officials and volunteers from NGO, were available to guide and meet the requirements of Pilgrims; (v) Round the clock doctor was positioned to meet medical emergencies.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. The pilgrims have generally expressed their happiness to DIAL functionaries.