GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:444 ANSWERED ON:23.02.2011 REVIVAL OF AIR INDIA Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Deka Shri Ramen;M.Thambidurai Dr. ;Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai;Reddy Shri Komatireddy Raj Gopal

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is incurring huge losses;

(b) if so, the profit/loss of Air India during each of the last three years alongwith the cumulative losses as on 31 December, 2010;

(c) whether the Government has infused large funds to rework a turnaround plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to change the present organizational set up to bring in professional management of its affairs?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Air India had incurred a loss of Rs.2226.16 crores, 5548.26 crores and 5552.44 crores during the financial year 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively. The accounts for the financial year 2010-11 have not been compiled.

(c) and (d): Yes, Madam. Government has infused an amount of Rs.800 crores during Feb/March, 2010 and an amount of Rs.1200 crores during January, 2011.

(e):To render professional and post managerial advice to the Board of Air India, Government has appointed five eminent persons as Non-official Part-time Directors on the Board of Air India Limited. Besides this, Air India has also appointed Capt. Gustav Baldauf as Chief Operating Officer(COO) on contract basis for a period of three years extendable by two years. The COO would oversee operational performance of the Company including inter alia, Engineering, Inflight, Commercial, Operations.