GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:758 ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013 FLIGHT OPERATION PROCEDURES Pradhan Shri Amarnath

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India is effecting changes in Flight Operation Procedures;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this new operating procedures are being opposed by the Indian Commercial Pilots Association (ICPA);
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to resolve the apprehensions of ICPA?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

- (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. As per the Airbus Manual the Two Engine Acceleration Height has been changed to 800 feet. In addition, the thrust management procedure to be followed by pilots in case of an engine fail has also been outlined.
- (c) and (d) Yes, Madam. ICPA has raised issues with regard to mode of communication of such instructions, power during take-off, and obstacle clearance.
- (e) The Training and Flight Safety Department of Air India have already confirmed suitability and safety of the new procedure to be as per Airbus recommendations and also adequate for Air India. Air India has also formed an independent committee to look into this issue.