GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:451 ANSWERED ON:14.07.2014 WATER LOGGING PROBLEM AT DELHI AIRPORT Ram Mohan Naidu Shri Kinjarapu

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any instance of major water-logging problem at Indira Gandhi International Airport of Delhi caused due to rains during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. On 16th June, 2013 due to unprecedented rainfall, the adverse weather conditions coupled with poor drainage in areas outside IGI Airport, Delhi premises led to back flow of water towards the terminal from the adjacent localities.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Consequent to the above instance, M/s Delhi International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (DIAL) has taken various initiatives to check such instances such as
- (i) Total 9 very large pumps totaling 500HP have been installed at strategic locations to pump out excess water from the drain
- (ii) there are additional 06 pumps installed to pump water out of the Terminal Building roof
- (iii) all pumping points are manned round the clock
- (iv) every 3rd day the drains are cleaned
- (v) regular mock drills are conducted
- (vi) sluice gate to stop water flowing from outside has been installed
- (vii) additional skilled manpower has been deployed on round the clock basis.