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Resumption of Flight of Airbus A-320

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been

taken to resume flights of the Airbus A-320;

(b) if so, the details and justification thereof;

(c) the time by which these would be put into operation;

(d) whether Government have taken into consideration all aspects in regard to passengers safety before taking a decision to re-introduce the Airbus flights;

(e) whether the Indian Commercial Pilots Association has decided to boycott the controversial aircraft; and

(f) if so, the grounds on which they objected to undertake the duty of flying A-320 and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (d). A Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal Ramdas was appointed to evaluate the State of preparedness of Indian Airlines for safe operation of the A-320 aircraft. The Committee has submitted its interim and final reports in which it has recommended that A-320 aircraft could be reinducted in a phased manner after implementing the recommendations of the Committee. The Government have accepted the recommendations of the Committee. Indian Airlines is taking necessary steps and is fully geared to implement the recommendations of the Committee. The operation of the A-320 fleet is expected to be resumed in a phased manner shortly.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.