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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the suggestions made by the Roy Paul Committee to improve the air traffic management;
- (b) the extent to which these suggestions have been implemented by the Government; and
- (c) the other steps likely to be taken to ease the air traffic flow?

Answer

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

(a) The Roy Paul Committee has made suggestions to decongest the air traffic and enhance the air traffic capacity at Delhi and Mumbai airports, in particular, and some other airports of the country. These recommendations based on short, medium and long term measures range from improving ground infrastructure facilities, technological improvements in Communication, Navigation, Surveillance (CNS) and Air Traffic Management (ATM), Airspace management, Maintenance procedures of airside, organisational structure of CNS-ATM services, separation of Helicopter and General Aviation Services particularly during peak hours, Manpower Planning, recruitment policy, training and skill development etc.

(b) Action has been initiated for implementation of short, medium and long term recommendations made by the Committee. Various recommendations relating to improvement of ground infrastructure facilities, maintenance procedures of air-side, separation of Helicopter and General Aviation services, manpower planning CNS/ATM etc. have been implemented or are at various stages of implementation. Besides, an Empowered Group has been constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation to review progress of action taken for timely implementation of various suggestions made by the Committee. Inter-Ministerial consultations have also been made in this regard.

(c) Various steps taken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to ease air traffic inter-alia include construction of new high speed exit taxiways at Delhi and Mumbai, parallel taxi track at Delhi so as to reduce runway occupancy time and additional parking stands at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, procedures for simultaneous use of both runways at Delhi, cross runway operation at Mumbai, improved ATC procedures, implementation of Dedicated Clearance Delivery Position, ban on general aviation aircraft at Delhi and Mumbai during peak period, upgradation of ATC automation system at Delhi and Mumbai etc.