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Title: The Minister of Civil Aviation laid a statement correcting the reply given on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2013 to Starred Question No. 194 asked by Shri Raguvir Singh Meena, MP regarding 'Foreign Airlines' and giving reasons for delay in correcting the reply.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a Statement correcting the reply to Starred Question No. 194 given on 22nd August, 2013 raised by Shri Raghuvir Singh Meena, MP regarding 'Foreign Airlines'.

I had answered the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 194 relating to 'Foreign Airlines' asked by Shri Raghuvir Singh Meena, MP, Member of Parliament on 22nd August 2013.

Information was sought in the question regarding (a) the number of foreign airlines including cargo airlines flying into India on regular basis along with their frequency, airlines-wise; (b) the number of airports in India where foreign airlines are operating in/out along with names of airlines; (c) whether any security concerns on Jet- Etihad deal has been raised; (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the airport security concerns in this regard?

The Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Question contained factual error in the number of Airports to/from where foreign airlines are currently operating which was given as "25" and needs to be substituted by "24". Correspondingly in the Annexure - II of the Reply relating to "current operations of foreign airlines to/from Airports of India", "Calicut" at S.No.5 and "Kozhikode" at S.No.16 needs to be merged being same places and replaced with "Kozhikode" having operations of "Air Arabia, Etihad Airways, RAK Airways, Emirates, Oman Air, Qatar Airways, Saudi Arabian Airlines".

The error is regretted.

The reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 194 dated 22nd August, 2013 raised by Shri Raghubir Singh Meena, MP regarding 'foreign airlines' contained factual error in the number of Airports to/from where foreign airlines are currently operating. Calicut (S.No.5) and Kozhikode (S.No.16) was inadvertently mentioned separately which represents Kozhikode. The information was reconciled and the Correcting Statement in reply to the Starred Question was sent immediately thereafter on 3rd September, 2013 and could not be said due to expiry of regular Session. The delay is, however, regretted.

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...(Interruptions)

