GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1299 (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th March 2017)

HELICOPTER SERVICES AT TOURIST PLACES IN TAMIL NADU

1299. SHRI A.VIJAYAKUMAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) the details of steps taken to introduce Helicopter service at tourist places in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce Helicopter service from Madurai to Kanyakumari/Rameshwaram, Kodaikanal etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): Upon the request of State Government of Tamil Nadu for introduction of Helicopter Service, Pawan Hans Limited has conducted feasibility study in the year 2012 jointly with the officials of State Government of Tamil Nadu for possibilities of helicopter services at various sectors like Kanyakumari, Rameshwaram, Madurai, Kodaikanal, Ooty etc. and submitted the report to the State Government. There is no such proposal in the Ministry of Civil Aviation at present.