GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Rajya Sabha

STARRED QUESTION NO.: 219

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16th December 2024

PLAN FOR REVIVAL OF PAWAN HANS

219. SMT SAGARIKA GHOSE

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is mulling a plan to revive Pawan Hans with Rs. 2,000 crore funding; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) & (B) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 219 FOR REPLY ON 16.12.2024 REGARDING PLAN FOR REVIVAL OF PAWAN HANS ASKED BY SMT. SAGARIKA GHOSE.

(a) & (b) Pawan Hans limited is a CPSE under administrative control of Ministry of Civil Aviation. PHL has operationalised 44 regional routes under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik(RCS-UDAN). PHL is providing connectivity to isolated regions and offering last mile connectivity across the North-East, Hilly and Island regions like Assam, Mizoram, Manipur, Uttarakhand, J&K, Chhattisgarh, Lakshadweep, Daman, Andaman and Nicobar etc. PHL providing Helicopter for offshore Oil is also services exploration/production, pilgrimage and tourism.

PHL currently has a fleet of 46 helicopters, including 41 owned and 5 leased helicopters. Out of the 41 owned helicopters, most are more than 30 years old.

A proposal from Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) for its fleet modernization is presently under consideration.