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MRO FACILITIES IN BENGALURU

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION **नागर विमानन मंत्री** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the Safran Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Centre inaugurated in Hyderabad in November 2025 and its relevance for strengthening the overall aviation maintenance ecosystem including supply chains and vendor opportunities for MRO facilities in Bengaluru;
- (b) the present status, capacity, investment outlay and employment potential of the Air India mega MRO facility and other MRO projects being developed in and around Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru;
- (c) the projected growth of MRO market of the country and the specific measures being taken to position Bengaluru as a major regional hub for aircraft maintenance and aviation manufacturing; and
- (d) the skill development and certification initiatives being undertaken in collaboration with industry and training institutions in Bengaluru and Karnataka to create a trained workforce for the expanding MRO sector?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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- (a) The Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI) facility inaugurated in Hyderabad is Safran's dedicated Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility for Leading Edge Aviation Propulsion (LEAP) engines. The facility has been designed to service up to 300 LEAP engines annually. The MRO facility strengthens

the domestic supply chain, deepens high-precision technical capabilities and fosters ancillary vendors.

(b) As per information received, Air India and IndiGo have started construction of major MRO facilities for civilian aircraft at Bengaluru International Airport at an estimated investment of INR 1460 crore and INR 1100 crore respectively. Each of these facilities will be capable of handling about 3 wide-body and 6 narrow-body aircraft which will result in significant employment generation and skill enhancement in the region.

(c) The MRO industry is projected to grow to USD 4 billion by 2031, registering a CAGR of 8.9 per cent. The Government has taken various measures to create a conducive environment for the development of aircraft MRO sector in the country which will also benefit Bengaluru. These include the new MRO Guidelines announced on 1st September, 2021 which inter alia abolish royalties and build in transparency and certainty in land allotments for MROs in AAI airports. On the taxation front, Government has reduced the taxes (IGST) on imports of aircraft components and aircraft engine parts to 5%, to make the domestic aerospace industry more competitive. GST on MRO has been reduced from 18% to 5% with full Input Tax Credit and Transactions sub-contracted by foreign OEMs/MRO to domestic MRO are treated as 'exports' with zero-rated GST. Customs duty has also been exempted on tools and tool kits.

Further, the period for export of goods imported for repairs has been extended from six months to one year and the time-limit for re-import of goods for repairs under warranty has been extended from three to five years. More recently, the Visa Manual has been amended to incorporate suitable provisions for granting Business Visa and Temporary Landing Permit (TLP) to foreign pilots and crew of scheduled or non-scheduled flights coming for the purpose of MRO services in India.

(d) As per information received from Bangalore International Airport, AirIndia is setting up a Basic Maintenance Training Organisation (BMTO) that will offer a combined 2+2-year Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (AME) program, certified by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). This campus will include modern classrooms, fully equipped laboratories for practical training and a team of qualified trainers.
