

10. PAWAN HANS HELICOPTERS LIMITED

10.1 INTRODUCTION

10.1.1 Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) was incorporated in October, 1985 (under the name of 'Helicopter Corporation of India Limited') as a Government Company under the Company's Act. 1956. The Corporation commenced its operations within one year of its formation to provide helicopter support services to the oil sector in offshore exploration, operate in hilly and inaccessible areas and make available charter flights for promotion of travel and tourism.

10.2 ORGANISATION AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

10.2.1 PHHL is headed by Chairman-cum-Managing Director, who is also the Chief Executive. The Registered Office of the Company is located at New Delhi and its Regional Offices are at Mumbai and New Delhi.

10.2.2 The Company's authorised capital is Rs.120.00 crores. Against this, the present paid up capital is Rs.113.76 crores. Out of the present subscribed capital of Rs.113.76 crores, Rs.89.266 crores is held in the name of President of India and Rs.24.50 crores in the name of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited.

10.3 FLEET STRENGTH

10.3.1 The Company at present has an operational fleet of twenty SA-365N Dauphin, three Bell 206 L4, two Bell 407, two Robinson R-44 and three MI-172 helicopters.

10.3.2 The 19 Westland helicopters, which had been grounded since 1991 for reasons of operational safety and economic unviability are being disposed off. The first shipment has been handed over to the buyer and efforts are being made to complete the transaction by shipping the remaining shipment.

10.4 OPERATIONS

10.4.1 PHHL has flown over 2.60 lakh hours carried over 52 lakh passengers and 1,00,000 tonnes of cargo during the last 15 years.

10.4.2 The Company achieved a total flying task of 18345 hours during the financial year 1999-2000 and as per revised estimates for 2000-2001, the Company is likely to achieve a total flying task of 19160 hours.

10.4.3 The Company operates eight Dauphin and one MI-172 helicopters on contract basis to ONGC for carrying its men

and vital supplies round the clock to drilling rigs situated in Bombay off-shore platforms. An additional helicopter (MI-172) is also provided on call out basis for the ONGC.

10.5. DEPLOYMENT OF THE HELICOPTER FLEET

10.5.1 One Dauphin helicopter has been provided to Punjab Government. In addition, the scattered Islands of Lakshadweep are connected with a regular inter-island helicopter service by a Dauphin helicopter provided to Lakshadweep Administration. The Company has deployed one Dauphin helicopter in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, thereby connecting difficult mountainous terrain. The Company has also deployed one Dauphin helicopter with a foreign oil consortium at Chennai. One Dauphin helicopter is being utilised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) at Guwahati. Another Dauphin helicopter has been deployed with MHA at Imphal for Border Security Force requirements. In addition a Bell helicopter has been deployed with MHA for Jammu and Kashmir operations. One Dauphin helicopter has been deployed with Mehalaya Government who are running a regular passenger service.

10.5.2 One Robinson helicopter is operating at Guwahati with Oil India Limited and the other is being used for charters.

10.5.3 One Bell helicopter is utilised by the Government of Sikkim who run a regular passenger service linking Gangtok-Bagdogra. PHHL provided crucial aviation support for 18th and 19th Indian Scientific Missions to Antarctica.

10.5.4 PHHL has started helicopter service for Mata Vasihno Devi Shrine with effect from 09.04.2000 linking Jammu-Katra-Sanjichhat sector.

10.5.5 A Bell helicopter has been provided to National Hydro Electric Power Corporation at Itanagar for their Hydel Projects for a period of two years. Also a Bell helicopter has been deployed with Gas Authority of India Limited for an initial period of two years for pipeline surveillance.

10.5.6 PHHL also provides maintenance & operation support services for Bell 206L4 of a private company and a Dauphin N-3 helicopter of Government of Karnataka.

10.6 HELICOPTER SERVICES IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

10.6.1 The Company has been operating helicopter services in the State of Arunachal Pradesh since 1995 by deploying one Dauphin helicopter having 8 passengers capacity.

10.6.2 A Bell 206L4 helicopter has also been placed at Guwahati at the disposal of Ministry of Home Affairs to

facilitate visits by senior officials to different areas/
Projects sites in the North-east region.

10.7. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

10.7.1 The financial performance during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 (Provisional) and 2000-2001 (Budget estimates) is as under:-

(Rupees in crores)							
Particulars	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-1999 (Prov.)	1999-2000 (Prov.)	2000-2001 (B.E.)
(A) Revenue Estimates	134.15	156.68	185.87	157.37	182.32	171.31	174.50
(B) Expenditure Estimates							
(i) Operating & Non-operating expenses	79.25	104.17	114.88	100.32	106.20	97.90	111.08
(ii) Depreciation & Obsolescence Reserve	14.18	4.71	7.08	5.65	7.78	8.99	8.96
Total	93.43	108.88	121.96	105.97	113.98	106.89	120.04
(C) Profit before prior Period/extraordinary Adjustments	40.72	47.80	63.91	51.40	68.34	64.42	54.46
(D) Prior Period/Extraordinary adjustments	(00.75)	(10.54)	(08.53)	24.09	18.60	38.05	25.00
(E) Profit after adjustments	39.97	37.26	55.38	75.49	86.94	102.47	79.46
(F) Provision for Income Tax	--	--	9.25	13.75	17.00	35.00	29.50
(G) Net Profit tax	39.97	37.26	46.13	61.74	69.94	67.47	49.96
(H) Dividend	7.96	7.96	9.39	12.51	07.11 (Interim)	--	--

10.8 ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS

10.8.1 The company plans to acquire two light and two medium helicopters in the current financial year.

10.9 FUTURE PROGRAMMES OF COMPANY

10.9.1 The Company's helicopter acquisition plans are as follows:

	2000-2001	2001-2002
Light helicopters	02 (*)	--
Medium helicopters	02 (*)	02

(*) selection process initiated.

10.9.2 It also proposes expansion and upgradation of its maintenance facilities.

10.9.3 To meet the acute shortage of residential accommodation in Mumbai, land has been taken on lease from Airports Authority of India for building 200 flats for the Company and 50 flats for Airports Authority of India. The construction work has recently been started.

10.9.4 The Company has received ISO 9002 Certification recently.

10.9.5 Though the oil industry remains the major user of helicopters, the Company is providing helicopter services to other customers like State Governments and other Public Sector Undertakings as well as such joint venture companies as are commencing oil exploration and production in the off-shore blocks allotted to them. After augmentation of its fleet, the Company proposes to provide services in North-east, tourist charters and selected pilgrim centres. The Company has helicopters for charter purposes stationed at Delhi and Mumbai which could also be used by tourists.

10.10 WOMEN WELFARE

10.10.1 Women Cells have been set up separately for all Offices of the Corporation. The Company has been making consistent efforts to promote all round development and ensure provision of all essential amenities for them. The Company has also been sponsoring women employees for in-house training as well as outside specialised institutions for their skill upgradation.

10.11 POLLUTION CONTROL.

10.11.1 Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited is endeavouring to maintain a pollution free environment.

10.12 USE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

10.12.1 More than 80% of Officers and staff members possess working knowledge of Hindi and as far as possible, most of them do their official work in Hindi. Hindi dictionaries and other help literature have been provided to officers and staff to facilitate their working in Hindi. All documents covered under Section 3(3) of the Official Languages Act were issued bilingual i.e. both in Hindi and English. Provisions of Rule 5 of the Official Languages Act were also complied with.