

Industry Leaders Discuss Macro Strategy to Make India a Civil Aviation Hub **FICCI to Lead Strong Aviation Industry Contingent to Farnborough Air Show** **in July: Dinesh Keskar**

NEW DELHI, June 26, 2010. Enthused by the monthly growth of 20% plus in the civil aviation sector since January this year, industry leaders today decided to embark on a unified macro strategy for making India a civil aviation hub of the world.

Aircraft manufacturers, senior representatives of airports, helicopter services, engine manufacturers, cargo industry, avionics and caterers, under the banner of the FICCI, held a 4-hour long meeting with the twin objective of enhancing a safe and orderly growth of the aviation sector and to address the key concerns of industry.

Briefing the media, **Dr. Dinesh A. Keskar, Chairman, FICCI Aviation Committee & President, Boeing India**, said, "FICCI has decided to lead a strong contingent of aviation industry leaders, along with the Government, to the week-long Farnborough International Air Show in London from July 19. The proposed breakfast meeting, under FICCI's banner, with British and European companies would afford a rare opportunity to Indian small and medium aviation enterprises to meet and talk shop with the big players of the western world."

The Farnborough Air Show will showcase products and services ranging from Airframe Manufacturers/Suppliers/Original Equipment Manufacturers, Associated Industries and Services, Finance/Leasing/Management/Support Services/Publishing, Government Bodies or Agencies/Associations/Groups/Trade Shows/Economic Development Agencies, IT/Software/Communications/Data/Avionics,Maintenance/Repair/Overhaul/Ground Equipment, Manufacturing/Machining/Tooling ,Metals & Plastic Manufacturers/Stockholders/Treatments/Surface Treatments, Research & Development, Safety/Search & Rescue/Security , Space/Space, Systems/Satellites and related products & services, Training/Recruitment/Education, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), and Weapons/Weapons Systems/Defence Systems & Equipment.

Today's meeting discussed a host of aviation related issues including taxation on the industry such as ATF levy and import duties on spare parts, enhancement of civil aviation security and the imperative to grow the use of helicopters in the country.

Mr. R K Tyagi, CMD, Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. And Mr. Kanu Gohain, former DGCA & Advisor Aviation, Aero Club of India, also addressed the media on the low penetration of helicopter services in the country and safety issues.