GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:570 ANSWERED ON:23.02.2006 PROTEST AGAINST PRIVATISATION OF AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has decided to hand over the Delhi and Mumbai airports to private management;
- (b) If so, whether the employees of Airports Authority of India protested and went on strike against privatisation of airports;
- (c) If so, the details of demands made by the employees; and
- (d) The action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a):- The Government has selected GMR Consortium and GVK Consortium as the private partners for formation of Joint Venture Companies (JVCs) with Airports Authority of India
- (AAI) for restructuring and modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai airports respectively.
- (b), (c) & (d):- Some employees of AAI had recently agitated against the restructuring and modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai airports. The matter has since been resolved amicably through discussion.