

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2380
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OPEN SKIES AGREEMENT OF ASEAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether most of the countries of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) plan to follow an open skies regime from 2010 and have invited india to be part of the planned liberalization;
- (b): if so, whether the Government has expressed reservations about joining the open skies agreement of ASEAN by 2010; and
- (c): if so, the reasons for the same?

Answer

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

- (a): During his meeting with the Hon`ble Prime Minister in January, 2006 the Singapore Prime Minister suggested that India might consider joining the ASEAN - wide Open Skies Agreement, in future.
- (b) and (c): No decision has been taken, as yet, to join the proposed Open Sky Agreement with ASEAN countries.