

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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GROUND HANDLING OPERATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision to set up subsidiary companies for ground handling at airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be finalized?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Air India Transport Services Ltd., a fully owned subsidiary company of erstwhile Air India, was incorporated on 09-06-2003 to carry out ground handling activities. On 16-05-2009, Government approved the formation of a Joint Venture company between NACIL and Singapore Air Terminal Services (SATS) at metro airports. In the AI-SATS Joint Venture Company, both parties have equal equity.