

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to separate Air Navigation Services from the Airports Authority of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr. Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Airport operations and Air Navigation Services (ANS) are two entirely separate businesses having different business models, skill profile, risk profile and criticality to aviation safety. Various expert committees viz., Tata Committee, Justice Lahoti Committee, Julka Committee, Naresh Chandra Committee, Roy Paul Committee, Ajay Prasad Committee have recommended that ANS function should be segregated from Airports Authority of India (AAI) and an independent organization be established. The AAI Board has also resolved for formation of ANS Corporation as an independent Government Organization. No concrete time frame is envisaged at this stage.