

- (d) The total cost of the project is Rs.330 crores.
- (e) The Indian Navy has not made any land available for this project.
- (f) The timeline for completion of the project is May, 2013.

**Construction of Navi Mumbai airport in Maharashtra**

†478. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether construction work of Navi Mumbai Airport in Maharashtra has commenced; and
- (b) if so, since when and the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Construction of airport could not start due to factors such as acquisition of about 292 Ha of land and requirement of mandatory clearances.

**JV by AI in aircraft ground handling business**

479. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Air India (AI) has entered into JV with Singapore Air Terminal Service (SATS) to work jointly in the aircraft ground handling business in Thiruvananthapuram Airport;
- (b) if so, the details of the JV entered into between Air India and SATS;
- (c) the reasons for entering into this JV;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that AI would be losing its profit through this JV; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Air India(AI) and Singapore Airport Terminal Services (SATS) have formed a JV company named AI-SATS on 50:50 ownership basis for Ground Handling Business at Indian Airports.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.