

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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CLEARANCE TIME OF GOODS AT AIRPORTS

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

- (a) Whether the clearance time for goods at the Airports is more than the standard global time of two hours ;
- (b) If so, the details and the reasons therefor ;
- (c) Whether the Government has any plan to minimize the clearance time and bringing it at par with the global time ; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c)&(d) In order to improve the processing of air cargo at the airports, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system for faster processing of import and export cargo at four metro airports has been installed. The manual system of processing of documents on the Export side has been dispensed with after introduction of 100% web based EDI at these airports during February/March 2006. With regard to EDI in import processing, the testing was done in November, 2006 at Delhi airport and is likely to be implemented in February 2007 at the four metro airports. To improve the processing time of international cargo at Air Cargo Terminals of the four metro airports, BAR Code system has been implemented at the Export Terminal of Delhi Airport as a pilot project and the same is likely to be implemented at the other three metro airports in February 2007.