

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 5398
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd April 2025)
SAFETY CLEARANCE FOR GROUND HANDLERS AT
AIRPORT

5398. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that ground handlers at airports are required to obtain safety clearance from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government has framed new rules prescribing the framework for safe operations by service providers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the DGCA has held discussions with stakeholders in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): Yes, Ground Handling Service Provider (GHSP) at Indian Airports are required to obtain Safety Clearance from DGCA.;

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DGCA has published Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) Section 4 Series X Part II, which prescribe framework for issue of Safety Clearance to Ground Handling Service Provider (GHSP).;

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These requirements covers Operational procedures, availability of adequate and competent manpower, training requirements,

maintenance of Ground support Equipment's (GSE's), Reporting of ground Incidents/Accidents and Safety Management systems etc.;

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DGCA invited comments of stakeholder's and general public on the Draft requirements by placing it on website on 15.03.2024.

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The comments received from stakeholders were reviewed followed by a meeting with all the ground handling service providers and other stakeholder, conducted on 29.05.2024.

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Based on the comments and discussions, the final requirements in the form of CAR i.e. CAR Section 4 Series X part II was published at DGCA website on 08.07.2024.;
