

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1299
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2022
IMPROVEMENT IN AIR CARGO CAPACITY

1299. SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN

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

- (a) the details of work done by Government to improve air cargo capacity for the past five years, State-wise including Odisha;**
- (b) the details of the proposed/upcoming projects to improve air cargo capacity and the details of the funds allocated; and**
- (c) the details of international air cargo hubs presently operational in the country, along with details of proposed/upcoming projects to establish more such hubs?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS) a fully owned subsidiary of Airports Authority of India (AAI) is committed towards creation of cargo handling facilities through establishment of domestic cargo terminals including in the Tier-II and Tier-III cities in various States including Odisha depending upon the volume of cargo. In Odisha, AAICLAS is operating a Cargo Terminal at Bhubaneswar with Annual Cargo Handling capacity of 26490 MT. It is adequately equipped with cold storage facility also. The details of the work undertaken by AAICLAS in past five years to enhance the air cargo capacity is at Annexure.

AAICLAS also facilitates movement of Domestic Air cargo through Domestic Passenger Terminals at 19 airports where commercial flights

are limited in operations. These are Adampur, Belagavi, Bhavnagar, Darbhanga, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Jalgaon, Jorhat, Kalaburagi, Kolhapur, Lilabari, Prayagraj, Rajkot, Tezpur, Tuticorin, Udaipur and Shirdi Airport.

(b) The Government has undertaken various measures to improve the air cargo capacity. These measures inter-alia include -

(i) For facilitation of growth of domestic air cargo, 43 Domestic Air Cargo Terminals have been set up in India so far. These include 32 terminals set up through Airports Authority of India Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS) and 11 JV (Joint Venture)/Public Private Partnership (PPP)/other terminals.

(ii) Cold Storage facilities have been made available at 32 airports (18 AAICLAS and 14 JV/PPP/Other airports) including storage & handling facilities for hazardous, radioactive and valuable cargo etc.

(iii) Most JV airports provide adequate space availability at Domestic and International Air cargo Terminals.

The initiatives to improve air cargo capacity are funded by the respective concessionaire in case of JV/PPP/Other airports and for AAI airports the projects are self-funded by AAI/AAICLAS

(c) International air cargo services are operational at all the major Joint Venture airports in the country as well as the gateway AAICLAS Airports.

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Annexure

Statement referred to in reply of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Number 1299 for answer on 19.12.2022

Annual cargo handling capacity of Cargo Terminals

State	2017-18 (Thousand MT)	2022-23 (Thousand MT)	%Increase	Remarks
Andaman & Nicobar	29.05	29.05	-	
Andhra Pradesh	23.41	66.95	185.99	Rajahmundry, Tirupati, Vijayawada - New facility added
Assam	4.56	40.98	798.68	Guwahati - New additional facility added
Bihar	12.11	12.11	-	
Chhattisgarh	15.11	15.11	-	
Goa	23.94	23.94	-	
Gujarat	370.32	218.58	-40.98	Ahmedabad - Domestic Handed over to PPP-AAIAL; Surat - New facility added
Jammu & Kashmir	64.55	64.55	-	Srinagar - Airport Expansion; Jammu - New facility added
Jharkhand	35.24	35.24	-	
Karnataka	23.17	41.41	78.72	Hubballi - new facility added
Kerala	132.47	59.33	-55.21	Trivandrum - International air cargo terminal under PPP-ATIAL
Ladakh	-	22.16	100.00	Leh - new facility added
Madhya Pradesh	22.34	62.31	178.92	Bhopal - new facility added; Indore - air cargo terminal expansion
Maharashtra	38.73	55.20	42.53	Aurangabad - New expansion facility added
Odisha	26.49	26.49	-	
Punjab	25.78	33.66	30.57	Amritsar - air cargo terminal expansion
Rajasthan	43.42	100.19	130.75	Jaipur - New expansion air cargo terminals added
Tamil Nadu	1,605.69	1,792.74	11.65	Chennai - air cargo terminal expansion
Uttar Pradesh	124.35	17.02	-86.31	Lucknow - International & Domestic handed over to PPP-ALIAL; Varanasi - Facility

				expansion
Uttarakhand	-	10.44	100.00	Dehradun - New facility added
West Bengal	598.43	680.82	13.77	Kolkata - air cargo terminal expansion; Bagdogra - New facility added
Total	3,219.16	3,408.28	5.87	