

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 484
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th December 2022)

INTERNATIONAL CARGO FLIGHTS FROM PUNJAB

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan for commencement and enhancement of air cargo flights from various airports of Punjab; and
(b) if so, the details thereof with financial outlay and time frame, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) and (b) Air India operates international passenger flights from Amritsar to London and Birmingham (Thrice a week) and IndiGo operates international flights from Amritsar to Sharjah. There is belly cargo carrying capacity in these flights. Air cargo facilities are available at Amritsar and Adampur airport. The total tonnage handled at Amritsar Airport in 2021-22 was 1578 Metric Ton (MT) (Domestic 777 MT and International 801 MT) and the total tonnage handled during the period from April 2022 to October, 2022 is 1317 MT (620 MT domestic and 697 MT international).

After the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market has been deregulated. Consequently, airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate across the country. Thus, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the demand and their commercial viability, in compliance with the relevant guidelines in this matter.
