

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1300
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th March 2023)

CARGO OPERATIONS AT AIRPORTS

1300. SMT PHULO DEVI NETAM

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

- (a) the number of airports in the country equipped with cargo handling facilities, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of airports out of above where cargo operations are being undertaken;
- (c) the number of airports out of them where cargo operations are not being undertaken, and the details thereof, along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to develop the cargo handling facilities at all major and minor airports across the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b) At present, 69 Airports Authority of India (AAI) airports are equipped with cargo handling facilities in the country. Inbound air cargo movement is facilitated through all 69 airports and outbound air cargo movement is facilitated through 58 airports including Visakhapatnam & Bhubaneswar where only shrimp seed movement is being undertaken.

(c) & (d) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) vide letter dated 30.12.2022 has discontinued the outbound domestic air cargo operations at 11 airports namely Aurangabad, Agartala, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Hubballi, Imphal, Jammu, Patna, Raipur, Tirupati and Vijayawada due to security reasons viz. non-conversion of Common User Domestic Cargo Terminal (CUDCT) to Regulated Agent (RA) terminal.

The establishment of new cargo handling facilities at Indian airports are planned based on the commercial feasibility and financial viability including availability of land, aircraft operations/movements, volume of cargo, waiver of customs cost recovery charges, requirement of RA terminal, etc.
