

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 322
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th July 2023)

DISCONTINUATION OF THE OUTBOUND DOMESTIC AIR CARGO

322. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has discontinued the outbound domestic air cargo operations from Tirupati and Vijayawada;

(b) If so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only outbound shrimp seed movement is allowed from Visakhapatnam airport and not other air cargo;

(d) if so, constraints that the BCAS have in allowing other outbound air cargo from Visakhapatnam; and

(e) measures taken to re-start air cargo operations from Tirupati and Vijayawada?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. At Tirupati Airport, outbound domestic air cargo operations have been discontinued on the request of Air Cargo Regulated Agent at Tirupati Airport. Based on the decision of BCAS to discontinue Common User Domestic Air Cargo Terminal (CUDCT) at all airports, the outbound domestic air cargo operations at Vijayawada airport has also been discontinued as it had CUDCT.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. All cargo operations are going on at Visakhapatnam airport.

(e): Vijayawada and Tirupati Airports have been requested by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) to submit a proposal for self-handling by M/s InterGlobe Aviation Limited (Indigo). Meanwhile, on need basis, following permissions have been accorded by BCAS:

i) Permission for self-handling from existing Cargo Terminal for shrimp movement

by M/s SpiceJet at Vijayawada Airport w.e.f 07.07.2023 till 30.07.2023
ii) Collection of critical blood samples from Vijayawada airport to Delhi.
iii) Transportation of sensitive examination materials.
