

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 15
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd February 2025)**

AIR CARGO CAPACITY

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

- (a) the details of work done by Government to improve air cargo capacity in the last three years, State-wise including Maharashtra
- (b) the funds released/spent for the said period
- (c) the details of the proposed/upcoming projects to improve air cargo capacity
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and
- (e) the details of international air cargo hubs presently operating in the country, along with details of proposed/upcoming projects to establish more hubs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(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 Maharashtra depending upon the volume of cargo. The details of the work undertaken by AAICLAS in past three years to enhance the air cargo capacity is at Annexure-1.

(b) AAICLAS has spent a total of Rs.202.17 crore over the past three years in constructing new air cargo terminals and expanding existing facilities, including Rs.6.33 crore in Maharashtra.

(c) List of upcoming AAICLAS facilities is at Annexure-2.

(d) At Joint Venture(JV) airports, air cargo capacity enhancement initiatives are funded by the respective concessionaires, while at AAI airports, projects are self-funded by AAI/AAICLAS. AAICLAS has approved a CAPEX of Rs.106.95 crore for FY 2024-25 for construction, security, and cargo handling equipment at various airports.

(e) There are currently 30 international air cargo terminals available in the country. These are at Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Mangaluru, Amritsar, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Indore, Nagpur, Bengaluru, Jaipur, Nasik, Bhubaneswar, Kannur, Pune, Chennai, Kochi, Srinagar, Coimbatore, Kolkata, Tiruchirappalli, Delhi, Kozhikode, Trivandrum, Goa, Lucknow, Varanasi, Goa-Mopa, Madurai and Visakhapatnam.

Further, hub operations are planned by Airlines based on their feasibility study of volume, fleet capabilities and commercial considerations.

Annexure in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 15 for 03.02.2025 regarding Air Cargo Capacity.

Annexure-1

The details of the work undertaken by AAICLAS in past three years to enhance the air cargo capacity:

S. No.	Year	Airport	State	Operations (Cargo)	Annual Cargo Handling Capacity (in MTPA*)
1	2021	Rajahmundry	Karnataka	Domestic	17,228
2		Hubballi			18,239
3		Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh	Domestic	24,163
4		Kolkata	West Bengal	Int'l Courier	1,00,990
5	2022	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir	International	8,762
6				New Domestic	41,050
7		Guwahati	Assam	New Domestic	1,00,375
8	2023	Pune	Maharashtra	International	6,524
9		Pune	Maharashtra	New Domestic	36,350
10		Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh		29,200
11		Indore	Madhya Pradesh		58,510
12		Agartala	Tripura		33,736
13		Leh	Ladakh		22,161

*Metric tons per annum

In addition to the above, the movement of domestic air cargo is facilitated through domestic passenger terminals at 21 AAI-managed airports with low cargo volumes is hereunder:

Year	Airport
2021	Dimapur, Adampur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Lilabari, Dibrugarh, Jabalpur, Belagavi, Gwalior, Tuticorin, Jalgaon
2022	Kolhapur, Jorhat, Agra, Kalaburagi, Tezpur, Bhavnagar, Mysuru, Hindon
2023	Jodhpur, Jamnagar

Annexure-2

List of upcoming AAICLAS facilities:

S. No.	Airport	Type
1	Bhubaneswar	International & Domestic
2	Dibrugarh	Domestic
3	Dimapur	Domestic
4	Imphal	Domestic
5	Dehradun	Domestic
6	Jodhpur	Domestic
7	Lucknow	International & Domestic
8	Srinagar	International
9	Madurai	International & Domestic
10	Tiruchirappalli	International & Domestic
11	Jabalpur	Domestic
12	Rajkot-Hirasar	Domestic