

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2406  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025)**

**FUNCTIONING OF KANNUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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

- (a) whether the cargo handling facility in Kannur international airport will be upscaled, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) at present which commodities are being handled at the cargo centre; and
- (c) whether new flight services will be started from Kannur International Airport, both in the domestic and international sectors?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) The Kannur international airport operated by Kannur International Airport Ltd (KIAL) an Unlisted Public Company promoted by Government of Kerala. As per the information provided by KIAL, the overall cargo handling capacity has been upscaled from 12,000 MT per annum (in operation from Feb 2021 till June 2025) to 59,000 MT per annum, effective July 2025 with the commencement of a New Cargo Terminal, marking a substantial boost in the airport's cargo infrastructure.

(b) Most of the export cargo comprises perishables such as vegetables, fruits, and cut flowers. Occasionally, general cargo like spices and garments are also exported from Kannur International Airport.

(c) With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network/route they wish to service, depending on their commercial and operational feasibility.

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