

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 235
(To be answered on the 27th December 2018)**

CARGO SERVICE FOR SAARC COUNTRIES

***235. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether cargo service is likely to be started soon for SAARC countries from the Aurangabad airport in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said service is likely to be started along with the names of the countries for which the said service is likely to be started;
- (c) whether optimum use of the Aurangabad airport has not been made so far for international services; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) to (d): All the infrastructure for handling international cargo has been created at Aurangabad Airport by the Airports Authority of India Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS), other than regulatory aspects, including institution of Customs Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system and placement of personnel for Plant Quarantine Protection, etc. At present there are no international flights to and from Aurangabad Airport and no Indian airline has requested permission to start international operations from there either. However, the Indian carriers are free to operate from any airport in India to foreign destinations as per agreed bilateral arrangements and capacity entitlements with that country. The actual commencement of operations of any airline depends upon its commercial judgment, route viability and availability of aircraft and other resources.
