

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 729  
(To be answered on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023)**

**INTERNATIONAL AIR FREIGHT SERVICES**

**729. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the details of roadmap drawn to increase the share of India in international air freight services;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost the Indian air cargo market which was previously affected by COVID-19 restrictions; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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

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**(a) To increase the share of India in International air freight services, India has Open Sky Cargo arrangements with about 80 countries which allows unlimited all cargo operations between India and the respective country.**

**(b) & (c) The Government has undertaken various steps to boost the Indian air cargo market. These steps inter-alia include:**

**(i) Comprehensive National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) launched in 2016 for promoting rapid growth of the sector, ease of doing business and advanced regional connectivity.**

**(ii) AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS) set up as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Airports Authority of India (AAI) in 2016 for business development of air cargo, logistics and allied services at AAI managed airports.**

**(iii) AAICLAS has operationalised 19 International Cargo Terminal facilities, 31 Domestic Cargo Terminal facilities and 02 Courier Terminal facilities.**

**(iv) Domestic air cargo handling has commenced from Domestic Passenger Terminals at 23 airports namely Agra, Adampur, Belagavi, Bhavnagar, Darbhanga, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Gwalior, Hindon, Jabalpur, Jalgaon, Jodhpur, Jorhat, Kalaburagi, Kolhapur, Lilabari, Mysuru, Prayagraj,**

**Rajkot, Tezpur, Tuticorin, Udaipur and Shirdi airport (State Government operated).**

**(v) Through Air Services Agreement, efforts have been made to ensure fair and equitable treatment to Indian carriers in the international sector.**

**(vi) Airlines have been encouraged to increase their freighter strength.**

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