

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1062
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, 8th February 2021**

MAGHA, 19, 1942 (SAKA)

STAFF STRENGTH OF GST OFFICE

1062. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to increase staff strength of Central Goods and Services Tax(GST) Office in Calicut to speed up the management of business in Kozhikode and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the plans of CBDT to speed up the exit of international passengers at Calicut Airport along with the time-frame fixed in this regard;

(c) the details of the Government's plan to beef up security to forestall smuggling at Calicut Airport; and

(d) whether the Government has noticed shortage of Customs staff strength at Calicut Airport in view of enhanced smuggling and in comparison with other airports and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. International passengers carrying no dutiable goods exit in no time through the Customs green channel.

(c) Customs and Directorate General of Revenue Intelligence keep vigil to check smuggling through Calicut Airport. Equipments such as scanning machines are also used to detect smuggling. Strict action is taken on detection of smuggling as per law.

(d) No, Sir.
