

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2701
(To be answered on the 17th March 2022)**

CARGO AIRPORT IN MADHYA PRADESH

2701. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up cargo airport in Dewas-Shahjapur constituency or any other part of Madhya Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details of the projects and cost estimates, if any; and**
- (c) the details of the survey, if conducted, and its benefit to the local people?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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

(a) to (c) New Domestic Air Cargo Terminals are being constructed at Bhopal and Indore Airport (along with a Centre to handle perishable cargo) at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.19 crore and Rs. 12.23 crore respectively. Details of the air cargo handling activities at the AAI airports in the state of Madhya Pradesh are as follows:

- (i) Jabalpur: Domestic Air Cargo handling operations commenced from Passenger Terminal of the Airport w.e.f 12.08.2021.**
- (ii) Gwalior: Domestic Air Cargo handling operations commenced from Passenger Terminal of the Airport w.e.f 23.08.2021.**
- (iii) Indore: Presently International & Domestic Air Cargo operations are being handled through Indore Airport.**
- (iv) Bhopal: Domestic Cargo Terminal was commissioned on 1st Feb 2020 at old terminal building after due modification.**

The decision to construct Domestic Air Cargo Terminal at Bhopal and Indore was taken by AAICLAS after interaction with the stakeholders and the Airlines at these Airports. With the said construction, the movement of Domestic Cargo will be enhanced and perishable cargo will also be handled under controlled condition maintaining the cold chain. The increase in movement of cargo, with infrastructure augmentation, will result in economic growth of the region.
