

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2728
(To be answered on the 17th March 2022)**

INTERNATIONAL CARGO FROM MAHARASHTRA

2728. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to start International cargo from Aurangabad Airport of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to tap the market potential in terms of International Air Cargo and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS), a 100% subsidiary of Airports Authority of India (AAI), has established International Air Cargo facility at Aurangabad airport with effect from 30.09.2019. However, there was no scheduled international flights operations and international Air Cargo movement due to Covid-19 pandemic from 24.03.2020.

(b) The Government has undertaken various steps to tap the market potential in terms of International air cargo. 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) AAICLAS set up in 2016 for business development of air cargo, logistics and allied services at AAI managed airports.

(iii) AAICLAS has operationalised 20 International Cargo Terminal facilities, 33 Domestic Cargo Terminal facilities and 02 Courier Terminal facilities.

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

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

(vi) During the pandemic, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) gave special permission to modify the passenger aircraft into freighters known as Passenger to Cargo or P2C aircraft, for efficient freight movement.
