GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION लागर विमालल मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of airports covered under the Krishi UDAN scheme in the North Eastern Region (NER), State-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of beneficiaries from each airport in the NER since the scheme was initiated and the quantum of Landing, Parking, Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) and the Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) waived under the scheme in the region;
- (c) the status of the airside and transshipment infrastructure proposed to be created in Bagdogra and Guwahati airports including the details of deadline for their completion and physical progress made so far; and
- (d) the steps taken to develop a hub-and-spoke model and freight grid for all airports in the NER covered under KRISHI UDAN 2.0?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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- (a) The list of airports covered under the Krishi Udan Scheme in the North Eastern Region (NER) is at Annexure.
- (b) to (d) Krishi Udan Scheme is a convergence scheme where eight Ministries/Departments namely Ministry of Civil Aviation, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region would leverage their existing schemes to strengthen the logistics for transportation of Agri-produce. For facilitating and incentivising movement of agriproduce by air transportation, waiver of Landing charges, Parking charges, etc. are provided for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger-to-Cargo) Aircraft by AAI and Ministry of Defence at their selected Krishi Udan airports.

The Scheme aims to ensure seamless, cost-effective, time bound, air

transportation and associated logistics for all agri-produce originating especially from North-East, hilly and tribal regions of the country, so that it improves their value realisation. All perishable commodities are covered under Krishi Udan Scheme in the country which includes horticulture, fishery, livestock and processed products.

AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services (AAICLAS) (a 100% subsidiary of AAI), is operating dedicated domestic and international air cargo operations at Guwahati airport. Necessary infrastructure pertaining to airside, Landing,

Parking etc. are available at Guwahati airport.

Bagdogra airport is a Civil Enclave Airport (Defence Airport) and limited land is available at airside. Presently, trans-shipment operations are being carried out through the available infrastructure at city side. AAICLAS has established new domestic cargo facility at Bagdogra airport by modifying the existing Centre for Perishable Cargo (CPC) building of Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) with a capacity of more than 31,500 MT approx. which is sufficient to cater the need of Bagdogra airport.
