

Title : Need to establish multi-temperature air cargo facilities in all the airports of Andhra Pradesh-laid

SHRIMATI DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI (RAJAHMUNDRY): The Finance Minister in her Union Budget 2025 speech has announced prioritizing air cargo infrastructure development, especially for high-value perishable horticulture produce. However, I want to highlight the urgent need for multi-temperature air cargo facilities in Andhra Pradesh's airports, which currently lack such infrastructure. Despite being a major exporter of horticulture produce, seafood, pharmaceuticals, and textiles, Andhra Pradesh does not have a single airport equipped with modern air cargo warehousing and temperature-controlled storage. Due to this gap, exporters are forced to transport goods by road to airports in neighboring states, leading to higher logistics costs, increased transit times, and quality deterioration of perishable commodities. I request the Government to immediately initiate the development of air cargo facilities at Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Tirupati, and the upcoming Bhogapuram Airport (Visakhapatnam) under the Airports Authority of India (AAI). I request the Minister of Civil Aviation to direct the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this infrastructure, ensuring seamless air cargo movement from Andhra Pradesh to global markets. This initiative will enhance exports, create jobs, and boost economic growth in the region. I urge the Government to take urgent action to establish world-class air cargo facilities in Andhra Pradesh.