

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Air Cargo at Airports

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the target set for and actual increase in air cargo at major airports during each of the last three years till date and the reasons for decline in its volume, if any;
- (b) the number of the air cargo estimated to be increase over the next five years;
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen, expand and modernize the basic infrastructure and introduce automatic system to handle the increasing traffic of air cargo; and
- (d) the total investment required to be made by the Government for optimum utilization of the potential increase in the air cargo?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) and (b): The target set for and actual increase in air cargo during each of the last three years till date and the number of the air cargo estimated to increase over the next five years at Airports Authority of India (AAI) managed major airports and Joint Venture Airports are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively. ;

(c) and (d): Air Cargo Terminals including international and domestic cargo facilities at the airports of Airports Authority of India and Joint Venture airports are developed by the respective airport operators from time to time based on their assessment of existing market conditions and future potential for such facilities. AAI has prepared a road-map for development of Common User Domestic Air Cargo facility in a phased manner wherever old/ redundant Passenger Terminal building are readily available, subject to Cargo potential feasibility study. AAI has initially identified 24 airports for development of Common User Domestic Air Cargo Terminals (CUDCT) apart from already running facility at these airports. Further, AAI has already installed mechanized system like Elevated Transfer Vehicle (ETV) and Automated Storage & Retrieval System (AS&RS) for handling of export and import air cargo respectively at metro airports i.e. Kolkata & Chennai International Airports. The airport operators including AAI, deploy infrastructure at their own cost.