GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Rajya Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 487

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7th February 2022

EXPANSION OF AIR CARGO FACILITIES

487. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to create facilities to start air cargo at important airports other than the existing 24 airports for faster movement of goods;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the potential for developing cargo handling facilities at more airports which are known as manufacturing hubs;
(c) whether Government has any plan for establishing cargo handling facilities at places which are located far away from major markets and movement of goods through road takes a lot of time like Kolhapur; and
(d) if so, the details thereof, including the reasons for not expanding the air cargo network in the country?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) and (b) Till 2014, there were 11 Domestic Air Cargo Terminals and 19 International Air Cargo Terminals in India. Airports Authority of India (AAI) / AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS) has created another 27 Domestic Air Cargo Terminals. In addition, there are Joint Venture (JV)/ Public Private Partnership (PPP) and State Government Airports which are also engaged in the process of establishment of Domestic as well as International Air Cargo Terminals. Thus, the Cargo handling potential has been considerably enhanced to facilitate faster movement of goods

(c) AAICLAS is committed towards creation of cargo handling facilities through establishment of domestic cargo terminals including in the Tier-II and Tier-III cities depending upon the feasibility for volume of cargo. As a result, additional 27 domestic air cargo terminals have been created by AAICLAS after 2014 at Amritsar, Madurai, Mangalore, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Indore, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Raipur, Aurangabad, Bhubaneswar, Varanasi, Goa, Srinagar, Ranchi, Trivandrum, Guwahati, Vijayawada, Bagdogra, Jammu, Leh, Surat, Bhopal, Dehradun, Rajahmundry, Tirupati and Hubballi

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

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