

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSAL FOR DIRECT CARGO FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether proposals regarding direct cargo flights, cold storage facilities and quarantine facilities at Hyderabad Airport are pending with the Union Government for clearance since long;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the decision is likely to be finalised by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c):- As per the Open Sky Policy for Cargo flights from India, any airline is free to operate cargo flights from airports where customs/immigration facilities are available. As for the cold storage facilities, a state-of-the-art Centre for Perishable Export has already been set up at Hyderabad airport at a capital cost of Rs.165 lakhs (excluding the cost of land). Airports Authority of India (AAI) has called open tenders for entrusting operation, management and maintenance of the Centre. The bids received are presently being evaluated by the Authority.