

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF COLD STORAGES AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is planning to construct cold storage centres at all the international airports;
- (b) if so, the names of the international airports identified for construction of cold storage centres;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to construct more cold storage centres at various international airports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have assessed the benefit of this new facility to the Air India; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b):- Airports Authority of India has set up State-of-the-Art Centres for perishable exports at Delhi, Chennai and Hyderabad airports with the assistance of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). Walk in type cold rooms have been established at Mumbai, Kolkata and Guwahati airports.

(c),(d),(e) and (f):- A centre for perishable cargo is being developed in cooperation with APEDA at Mumbai airport for which tender has been awarded on 27.2.2001. AAI has also identified land for perishable cargo complexes at Kolkata, Amritsar and Ahmedabad airports. The centre will facilitate increasing export of perishables. However, no specific study has been undertaken to assess the benefit specifically to Air India.