

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REFRIGERATED STORAGES AT AIRPORT
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Marine Products Exports Development Authority has built a refrigerated cargo storage at Cochin Airport;
- (b) if so, the details of this project;
- (c) whether marine products are being exported from this facility, by airfreight;
- (d) if so, the results of this project;
- (e) whether MPEDA has similar plans to build such refrigerated storage facilities in other airports; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) & (b): The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has provided grant-in-aid of Rs.15.70 lakh to Cochin International Airport Limited for the chill room built by them for preserving chilled fish meant for exports.
- (c) & (d) International flights from the Cochin International Airport have commenced operations only recently. Once the export of chilled fish through this airport picks up the facility will be fully utilised.
- (e) and (f): M/s Kerala State Industrial Enterprises (KSIE) have also availed of the grant-in-aid provided by MPEDA to construct chill room facility at the international airport at Trivandrum. MPEDA has informed the Airport Authority of India (AAI) about the details of their scheme to provide grant-in-aid for the construction of refrigerated cargo storage facility at other airports. However, the AAI has conveyed their inability to avail of the Scheme as they have already created such facilities at Delhi and Chennai Airports and another one is under construction at Mumbai.