

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3381
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INTERNATIONAL CARGO FLIGHT FROM HYDERABAD
GADDE RAMAMOCHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government received some proposals from the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding Direct International Cargo Flights from Hyderabad to foreign destinations, cold storage facilities at Hyderabad Airport and providing of infrastructure and staff at the Airport for importing plant material and notifying Hyderabad Airport as Plant Quarantine Fumigation Station;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals and the time by which these are pending with the Union Government;
- (c) the reasons for their pendency; and
- (d) the present status of the proposals and the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) :- Under `Open Sky Policy` all airlines are free to operate cargo flights from airports where customs/immigrations facilities are available. A Centre for perishable cargo has been created on AAI land in association with Agriculture & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). The Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the Union Government to establish a Plant Quarantine and Fumigation Station at Hyderabad for import of plants and plant materials. The Hyderabad airport is not notified for the import of plants and plant materials for sowing/propagation. In view of the trade requirements and plant quarantine risks involved in import of plants and plant materials from abroad, a plant quarantine station was set up at Hyderabad Airport during 1978. Since its inception, the station has been undertaking inspection/ treatment of the imported plants and plant material for consumption purpose only. At present, there is no proposal to notify any other station for import of seed and planting material meant for sowing / propagation apart from the existing five stations, i.e. Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata and Amritsar.