

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:438
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CARGO HANDLING AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set for cargo handling at various airports during the last three years and achievement made thereof;
- (b) the reasons for shortfall in achieving the targets, if any;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the expected growth of cargo traffic during the next five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen the infrastructure to deal with the increasing cargo traffic?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred () Question No.438 for 26-08-2010 regarding Cargo Handling at Airports.

(a) & (b): The target set for and the achievement made for international & domestic cargo traffic for all the airports taken together during the last three years (2007-08, 2008-09 & 2009-10) are given at Annexure-I.

There is a shortfall in achieving the targets of international cargo in the year 2008-09 & 2009-10 & domestic cargo in the year 2007-08 & 2008-09 due to global economic slow down. However, the achievement exceeds the targets in domestic cargo during the year 2009-10.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has forecasted the growth of International cargo and Domestic cargo at all the airports taken together @10% & 15% during the year 2010-11 & 2011-12; @ 10% & 12% during the year 2012-13 & 2014-15 respectively taking 2009-10 as the base year.

(e): The steps taken and proposed to be taken to strengthen cargo facilities at various airports are given in the Annexure-II.