

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LOGISTIC POST AIR SERVICE

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of freighter aircraft being used by the Department of Posts for carriage of mails at present along with the areas/regions covered by them;
- (b) whether India Post has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Air India for Logistics Post Air Service in the country;
- (c) if so, the details including the salient features of the said MoU;
- (d) the extent to which the Government Postal Service is likely to be able to compete with various private players operating in this field; and
- (e) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred on such air service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) Madam, at present, Department of Posts is not using any freighter aircraft for carriage of mail.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) Salient features of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) are given below:
 - (i) MoU was signed on 09.01.2012 between Department of Posts and Air India. Under this MoU, Air India Limited is required to provide transportation services for Logistics Post Air consignments to be booked by Department of Posts.
 - (ii) Air India will provide transportation service to such consignments on "Subject to Load" basis. i.e. as per availability of space in their Aircrafts.
 - (iii) Initially the Logistics Post Air service will be made available for 15 stations which is expected to be extended in a phased manner.
 - (iv) Air India has offered a special rate of Rs 15/- per Tonne Kilometer (TKM) to Department of Posts for transmission of Logistics Posts Air consignments only.
- (d) Department of Posts has partnered with Air India to offer fast, efficient and reliable transportation and delivery of logistics consignments through air. The rate offered by Air India is competitive and economical and would enable the Department of Posts to position itself as a major logistics service provider.
- (e) This tie up is based on expenditure linked revenue generation. Payment would be made to Air India at mutually agreed rates according to the weight of the consignments carried. Air India has offered a special rate of Rs. 15/- per Tonne Kilometer (TKM) to Department of Posts for transmission of such consignments. The costs involved in the services would be met from its revenue receipts.