

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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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 fixed for cargo handling at various airports of the country during each of the last three years and the achievements made in this regard;
- (b) whether the said targets could be achieved during the aforeasaid period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, airport-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has estimated the potential increase in cargo traffic during the ensuing five years;
- (e) whether cargo airlines are poised to register and average annual growth in future;
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the share of national carrier in the growth as compared to private carriers; and
- (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen the infrastructure to deal with increasing cargo traffic?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a): The targets fixed vis-a-vis achievements made for cargo handled at major airports, viz. Chennai, Kolkata, Trivandrum, Delhi and Mumbai airports of the country during the last three years, i.e. 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 are given at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): The targets were achieved in respect of international, domestic and total cargo handled during the year 2009-10 and 2010-11. However, the targets set for international, domestic and total cargo handled could not be achieved for the year 2011-12 due to global slow-down and Euro crunch.

(d),(e)&(f): Yes, Madam. The international cargo traffic is projected to grow @10% up to the year 2016-17. The domestic cargo traffic is expected to grow @ 12% from 2011-12 to 2016-17. In international cargo, the share of Indian carriers has increased from 16.9% to 17.5% whereas the share of foreign carriers has decreased from 83.1% to 82.5% during the years 2009-10 to 2011-12. In domestic cargo, the share of national carriers has decreased from 20.2% to 16.2% whereas share of private carriers has increased from 79.8% to 83.8% during the years 2009-10 to 2011-12. The details are given at Annexure-II.

(g): Upgradation of Cargo infrastructure facilities is a continuous process, according to the requirements for each airport.