

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN VOLUME OF AIR CARGO
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the transportation of cargo by air has increased in the country with the operation of special cargo planes on the domestic and international routes;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the cargo carried by planes during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of any study conducted by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHEM) regarding the transportation of more cargo by air than rail or ship during the last three financial years;
- (d) if so, the percentage increase registered in international and domestic air cargo transportation; and
- (e) the reasons for the increase in the air cargo transportation?

Answer

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

(a) :- Yes, Sir.

(b):-During the last three year from 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09, the details of cargo carried by Indian Carriers on domestic and international routes was 445451 tonnes, 511316 tonnes and 515855 tonnes respectively.

(c):- Ministry of Civil Aviation is not aware of any such study conducted by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHEM).

(d) and (e):- Does not arise.