

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:320
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009
COLD STORAGE FACILITIES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of airports where cold storage facilities exist to facilitate smooth export of perishable food items;
- (b) whether a sizeable percentage of perishable food items are spoiled due to inadequate infrastructure for handling of export of perishables at airports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up more cold storage facilities at airports to overcome this difficulty;and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to provide this facility at all airports?

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 parts (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) of Starred Lok Sabha Question No.320 for 10.12.2009 regarding Cold Storage Facilities at Airports.

(a): The cold storage and cargo handling facilities are available at all the key airports viz. New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Thiruvananthapuram, Cochin, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Nasik, Goa, Bagdogara and Amritsar. Walk in type refrigerated container facilities are available at Jaipur, Lucknow, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Ahmedabad and Coimbatore.

(b) & (c): No, Madam. The above, cold chain infrastructure has helped in curtailing spoilage of perishables at the airports.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. To boost the export of perishable cargo, centres for perishable cargo have been established in collaboration with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Ministry of Agriculture.