

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR CARGO AT MAJOR AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of air cargo handled by the major airports during the last three years till date;
- (b) the projected increase in cargo handling by these airports in the next three years;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for expansion,modernization,introduction of automatic system and strengthening of infrastructure, to cope with the increasing air cargo traffic; and
- (d) the estimated investment needed for the purpose?

Answer

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

- (a) The quantum of cargo handled at the major airports i.e.,Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad (in`000 MT) during the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 was approximately 1329, 1457 and 1418 respectively.
- (b) The growth rates in air cargo for the years (2009-10,2010-11 and 2011-12) estimated for the following major airports are (Mumbai - 1%, 6.99% and 8%),(Delhi - 3.7%, 4% and 5%), (Chennai - 2%, 5% and 10%), (Kolkata - 3%, 6% and 8%),(Bangalore - 3.8%, 6% and 7%)and (Hyderbad - 6%, 8% and 9%)respectively.
- (c) The steps taken to boost up air cargo include installation of modern colour x-ray machines,introduction of more automation and mechanization in the air cargo handling activities,implementation of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Systems,introduction of bar-coding of consignments,provision of integrated cargo terminals etc.
- (d) Estimated cost for infrastructure development at the major airports comes to Rs.830 crores approximately.