

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 849
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23rd July 2026)
KRISHI UDAN SCHEME

849. SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the quantity and value of agricultural produce transported under the Krishi UDAN Scheme from Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise and commodity-wise;
- (b) the details of the domestic and international destinations to which such produce has been transported under the said Scheme;
- (c) the details of cargo handling, cold storage and other infrastructure created under the said Scheme in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the participation of farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and exporters from Andhra Pradesh under the said Scheme?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d) The development of cargo facilities is a continuous process and depends on various factors such as airport development progress, increase in scheduled operations, handling capacity, growth in domestic cargo volumes and demand from airlines. The details of cargo handling infrastructure and the volume of perishable cargo handled (in MT) through air cargo terminals in the State of Andhra Pradesh are given in Annexure.

The airlines initiate cargo operations based on their internal assessment of cargo potential, handling capabilities and overall commercial viability of operating from any airport. Consequently, the decision to operate on any route rests with the airlines.

In addition, the Krishi Udan Scheme aims to ensure seamless, cost-effective, time-bound, air transportation and associated logistics for all Agri-produce

originating regions of the country, so that it improves their value realisation. All perishable commodities such as horticulture, fishery, livestock and processed products are covered under the Scheme.

Under the Scheme, in order to facilitate and incentivise movement of agri-produce by air transportation, waiver of landing and parking charges is provided for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger-to-Cargo) Aircraft by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Ministry of Defence at selected airports. In addition, Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) and Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) are waived at such selected AAI airports. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) also organizes training and capacity building programs in collaboration with concerned Ministries for its stakeholders to sensitize its members regarding Government Schemes including Krishi Udan.

Cargo handling infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh

- i. **Visakhapatnam Airport:** Airports Authority of India Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS) has established International cargo facility with valuable cargo storage area, Hazardous Cargo, etc. AAICLAS has also established domestic air cargo handling facility which is operated through Operations & Maintenance (O&M) agency and the facility has separate rooms for valuable cargo storage and hazardous cargo etc.
- ii. **Vijayawada Airport:** AAICLAS has established domestic air cargo terminal.
- iii. **Tirupati Airport:** AAICLAS has established dedicated domestic air cargo facility at Tirupati airport which is operated through self-handling by Indigo at present.
- iv. **Rajahmundry Airport:** AAICLAS has established dedicated domestic air cargo facility which is operated through self-handling by Indigo at present.

Volume of perishable cargo handled (in MT) through air cargo terminals in Andhra Pradesh:

Airport	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Rajahmundry	1	–	2	1	10
Tirupati	17	10	7	33	28
Vijayawada	–	–	162	112	349
Visakhapatnam	1,997	1,949	1,694	1,542	1,877