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**Stakeholders Consultations Meeting (Virtual) - 09th November-2022 - Ahmedabad**

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**Subject :** Stakeholders Consultations Meeting (Virtual) - 09th November-2022 - Ahmedabad**To :** Manu Sooden <secretary@aera.gov.in>, RAM KRISHAN <director-ps@aera.gov.in>, rajan gupta <rajan.gupta1@aera.gov.in>

Respected sir,

Greeting from ACFI Ahmedabad!!

This is with reference to the subject meeting (virtual) held on 09th November - 2022 where various stakeholders of Ahmedabad participated.

Sir, as a representative of ACFI - Ahmedabad Chapter, I would like to highlight a few points on behalf of the air cargo fraternity from Gujarat using Ahmedabad airport as gateway for the exports and imports.

**Comments:**

Considering the vision of Govt. which has been revealed in the recent National Logistics Policy, it is expected that the Air Cargo sector will further boost and Gujarat will definitely have its contribution to support the further growth of the logistics sector, particularly growth in air cargo.

However, to meet the future growing demand from trade, improving some of the areas highlighted below will help trade to use the full potential of the air cargo market from Gujarat.

- 1. Infrastructure Constraint** - Current facility for handling of Export / Import at Ahmedabad airport does not meet the current demand resulting in Ahmedabad losing some share of business to other gateways like Mumbai and Delhi. This not only increases the logistics cost of Export/Imports but is loss to airport operators as well.
- 2. Insufficient Capacity for handling different types of temperature control Cargo** - Gujarat being one of the major Pharmaceutical manufacturing hubs in the country, needs a better and bigger facility to process all types of temp control Pharma products at Ahmedabad airport.
- 3. Insufficient capacity for handling Courier and Transshipment Cargo** and as a result airlines are restricted to use the full potential of these products at Ahmedabad airport.
4. Current export uplift from Ahmedabad airport is restricted to around 4000 tons (it does not include the International Import, Domestic Cargo, Bonded Cargo and the Cargo diverted directly to other gateways) per month and will continue languishing at this level until the capacity is augmented.

5. Considering the Govt. of India's vision and the industry growth prediction in the next 05-10 years, Ahmedabad airport will require infrastructure development support for processing Export/Import from Gujarat at least 03 time more than its current capacity to cater the growing demand from trade.

Considering the future industrial growth from Gujarat, specially in manufacturing sector, the air cargo demand is expected to grow exponentially and with the required support from airport operators as well as concerned Govt agencies in augmenting the facility and providing solutions for ease of doing business will further boost the business from Gujarat.

**In view of the above we suggest that airport operators should develop the infrastructure and increase capacity aggressively to meet future demand to meet the trade expectations. We would also like to suggest that the airport operator develop the new proposed ICT at Ahmedabad International airport at maximum capacity in line with its proposal as mentioned in its consultation paper which will resolve all issues faced by trade due to the limited capacity of the current facility.**

Warm Regards,



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