1.0 TRAFFIC SUMMARY

During the month of January 2008, all operational airports (taken together) handled 116.62 thousand aircraft movements (excludes General Aviation movements), 10.62 million passengers and 137.12 thousand tonnes of freight. The details are given in the table below.

TABLE-1.1: TOTAL TRAFFIC HANDLED IN JANUARY 2008 AND APR – JAN 2007-08

Category	January 2008	January 2007	% Change
Aircraft Movement (in '000)			
International	23.07	20.07	14.9
Domestic	93.55	80.25	16.6
Total	**116.62**	**100.32**	**16.2**
Passengers (in million)			
International	2.92	2.64	10.6
Domestic	7.70	6.82	12.9
Total	**10.62**	**9.46**	**12.2**
Freight (in '000 tonnes)			
International	89.25	78.00	14.4
Domestic	47.87	44.09	8.6
Total	**137.12**	**122.09**	**12.3**
Category	**Apr-Jan 2007-08**	**Apr-Jan 2006-07**	**% Change**
Aircraft Movements (in '000)			
International	205.03	178.53	14.8
Domestic	874.35	702.71	24.4
Total	**1079.38**	**881.24**	**22.5**
Passengers (in million)			
International	24.62	21.19	16.2
Domestic	72.60	57.56	26.1
Total	**97.22**	**78.75**	**23.4**
Freight (in '000 tonnes)			
International	942.61	837.03	12.6
Domestic	471.51	435.92	8.2
Total	**1414.12**	**1272.95**	**11.1**

The above table reveals that the aircraft movements, passengers and freight traffic increased by 16.2 per cent, 12.2 per cent and 12.3 per cent respectively during January 2008 over traffic handled during January 2007.

The detailed traffic analysis is given in the succeeding paragraphs.

2.0 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

2.1 TRAFFIC TRENDS: JANUARY 2008 vis-à-vis JANUARY 2007

2.1.1 TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

The total aircraft movements (International and Domestic) handled in January 2008 has shown an increase of 16.2 per cent as compared to the aircraft movement handled in January 2007 (referred to Annexure-I).

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IIC):

• Kolkata	21.8	• Mangalore	88.2
• Ahmedabad	20.7	• Bhubaneshwar	37.1
• Guwahati	26.5	• Indore	111.1
• Jaipur	33.6	• Imphal	37.3
• Cochin (CIAL)	29.4	• Agartala	90.2
• Calicut	31.5	• Udaipur	47.7

Higher growth in traffic at above airports is due to increased operation by low cost airlines and increase in frequency of existing airlines. Number of foreign airlines started operations at international airports other than Mumbai and Delhi airports.

2.1.2 INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

The international aircraft movement has increased by 14.9 per cent during the period under review. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure-IIA.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IIA):

• Ahmedabad	77.3	• Calicut	25.7
• Trivandrum	24.4	• Mumbai (MIAL)	15.2
• Nagpur	63.3	• Tiruchirappalli	72.2
• Cochin(CIAL)	18.9	• Lucknow	31.7

Oman Air started operation at Lucknow airport from May 2007. Introduction of Flight by Air India Express and Qatar Airways at Nagpur airport from September 2007 is contributed to higher growth. In the international category, four airlines namely Jet Airways, Air Arabia, Emirates, and Qatar Airways introduced their operation at Ahmedabad airport phase wise since April 2007. Introduction of transit flight by Finn Air from November 2007 is also contributed to higher growth at Ahmedabad airport. The higher growth in traffic at other airports is due to increase in frequency by existing Airlines / start of operations by new airlines.

2.1.3 DOMESTIC AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

The domestic aircraft movements increased remarkably by 16.6 per cent during January 2008. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure– I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIB.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IIB):

• Kolkata	23.4	• Bhubaneshwar	37.1
• Calicut	69.9	• Agartala	90.2
• Jaipur	50.7	• Indore	111.1
• Cochin (CIAL)	38.5	• Imphal	37.3
• Mangalore	60.9	• Chandigarh	55.8
• Udaipur	48.4	• Ranchi	45.6

Low cost airlines namely Air Deccan, SpiceJet, Go Air & Indigo Airlines and other existing airlines have increased their frequencies of operations in the existing sectors and started number of new sectors in all regions.

Major declines (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IIB):

• Tiruchirapalli	41.5	• Dibrugarh	5.6

2.1.4 MONTH-WISE A/C MOVEMENTS TREND:

Month-wise Aircraft Movements Traffic Trend has shown in the chart below.

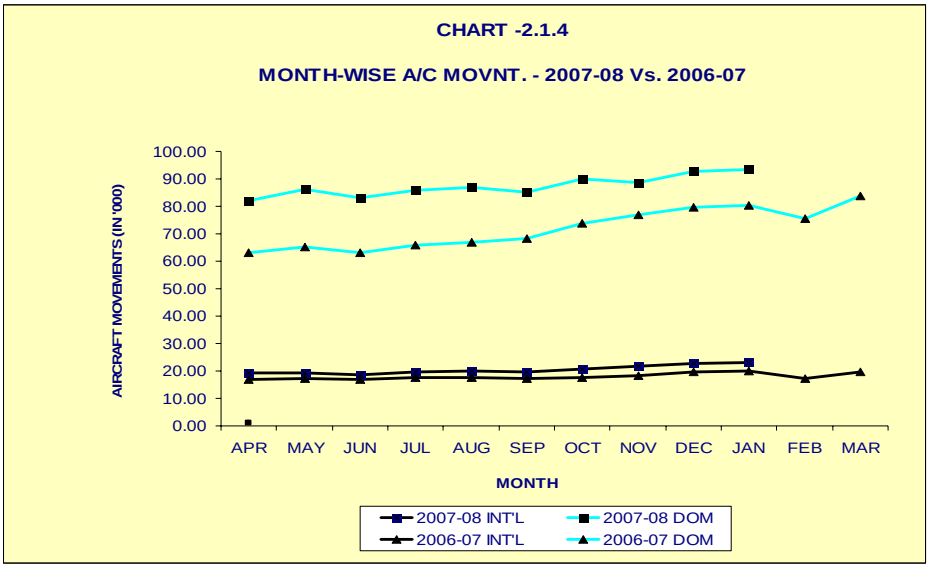
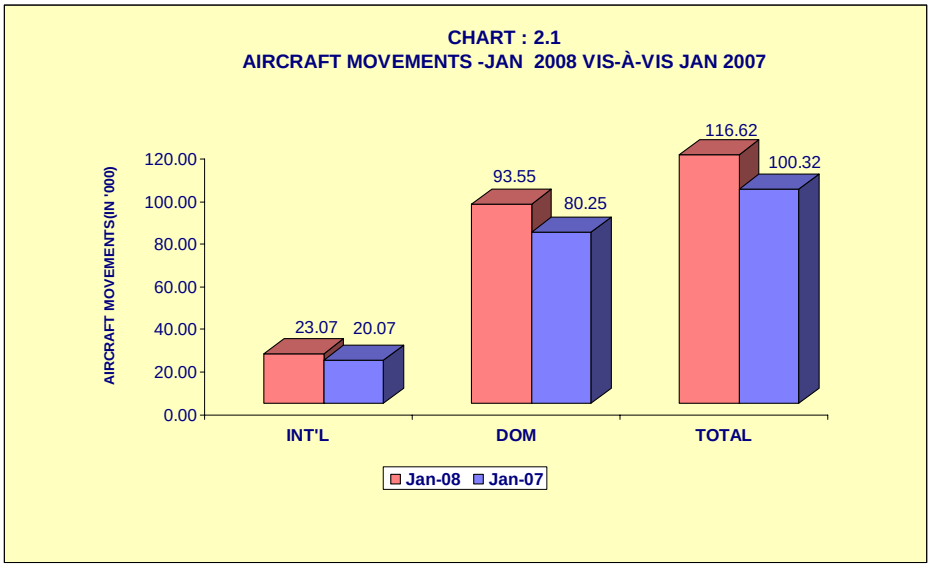


TABLE 2.1: TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT TRAFFIC TRENDS JANUARY 2008 vis-à-vis JANUARY 2007

(in '000)

Airport Category	January 2008	January 2007	% Change
Thirteen International Airports	49.45	43.54	13.6
Three JV Int'l Airports	43.09	38.08	13.2
Eight Custom Airports	6.69	5.59	19.8
Twenty Two Domestic Airports	13.17	10.18	29.3
Others Domestic Airports	4.22	2.93	43.9
Total	**116.62**	**100.32**	**16.2**



2.2 TRAFFIC TREND: APR–JAN 2007-08 vis-à-vis APR– JAN 2006-07

2.2.1 TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS: -

The total aircraft movements witnessed an increase of 22.5 per cent i.e., from 881.24 thousand movements to 1079.38 thousand movements during the period April-January 2007-08 as compared to the aircraft movement handled during April–January 2006-07. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure – I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure-IIC.

2.2.2. INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

The international aircraft movements have shown an increase of 14.8 per cent during April–January 2007-08. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIA.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IIA):

• Chennai	17.2	• Mumbai(MIAL)	16.1
• Ahmedabad	54.5	• Coimbatore	41.8
• Trivandrum	30.1	• Lucknow	38.9
• Nagpur	51.3	• Tiruchirappalli	86.8

The higher growth in traffic at the above airports is because of increase in frequency by existing Airlines / start of operations by new Airlines.

2.2.3 DOMESTIC AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

The domestic aircraft movements have shown an increase of 24.4 per cent during the period under review. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIB.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IIB):

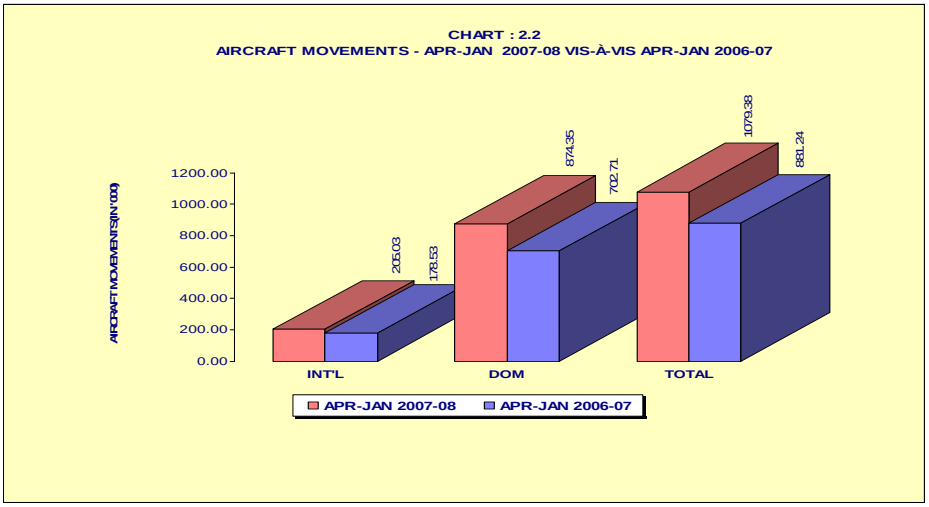
• Bangalore	24.6	• Cochin (CIAL)	43.0
• Hyderabad	25.7	• Varanasi	41.9
• Ahmedabad	32.4	• Bhubaneshwar	78.6
• Trivandrum	37.8	• Vadodara	37.4
• Guwahati	29.5	• Raipur	61.6
• Nagpur	55.3	• Indore	67.4
• Jaipur	108.4	• Imphal	111.6

The main reason for increase in growth rate is due to contribution of low cost airlines and increase in number of sectors by existing domestic airlines.

TABLE 2.2: TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT TRAFFIC TRENDS APR – JAN 2007-08 vis-à-vis APR – JAN 2006-07

(in '000)

Airport Category	Apr-Jan 2007-08	Apr-Jan 2006-07	% Change
Thirteen International Airports	462.34	371.58	24.4
Three JV Int'l Airports	401.35	344.01	16.7
Eight Custom Airports	59.00	47.32	24.7
Twenty Two Domestic Airports	121.51	92.85	30.9
Others Domestic Airports	35.18	25.48	38.1
Total	**1079.38**	**881.24**	**22.5**



3.0 PASSENGERS TRAFFIC: -

3.1. TRAFFIC TREND: JANUARY 2008 vis-à-vis JANUARY 2007

3.1.1 TOTAL PASSENGERS TRAFFIC:

The total passenger traffic has shown an increase of 12.2 per cent as compared to January 2007. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIIC.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure –IIIC):

• Kolkata	15.1	• Tiruchirappalli	70.3
• Hyderabad	15.2	• Bhubaneshwar	80.3
• Ahmedabad	15.7	• Port Blair	30.3
• Jaipur	17.6	• Visakhapatnam	101.8
• Cochin (CIAL)	32.5	• Ranchi	49.1
• Mangalore	36.0	• Chandigarh	82.1

The main reason in higher growth in traffic is due to the contribution of low cost airlines / no frill airlines.

3.1.2 INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The international passenger traffic has registered an increase of 10.6 per cent during January 2008 as compared to passenger traffic handled in January 2007. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIIA.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure –IIIA):

• Kolkata	13.9	• Calicut	20.8
• Hyderabad	11.9	• Cochin (CIAL)	26.0
• Ahmedabad	88.4	• Tiruchirappalli	99.8
• Trivandrum	14.6	• Coimbatore	678.8

The overall increase in the traffic during January 2008 may be attributed to competitive international fare between India and different international destinations. Remarkable increase in passenger traffic at Tiruchirapalli airport is due to introduction of operation by Mihin Lanka from July 2007 and increase in frequency of operation by Sri Lankan Airlines and Air India Express. Air Arabia, Silk Air and Sri Lankan Airlines introduced operation at Coimbatore airport phase wise since April 2007. Better international linkages of Indian traffic with world traffic have also contributed in higher growth in international passenger traffic.

3.1.3 DOMESTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The domestic passenger traffic in January 2008 touched to 7.70 million from 6.82 million in January 2007 registering an increase of 12.9 per cent. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIIB.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure –IIIB):

• Hyderabad	16.1	• Bhubaneshwar	80.3
• Kolkata	15.3	• Indore	70.0
• Jaipur	38.2	• Visakhapatnam	101.8
• Delhi(DIAL)	14.2	• Bhopal	37.3
• Cochin (CIAL)	39.8	• Chandigarh	82.1

High growth of domestic passenger traffic is mainly due to contribution of the new traffic generated by no frills airlines.

3.1.4 MONTH-WISE PASSENGER TRAFFIC TREND:

Month-wise passenger traffic trend has shown in the chart below:

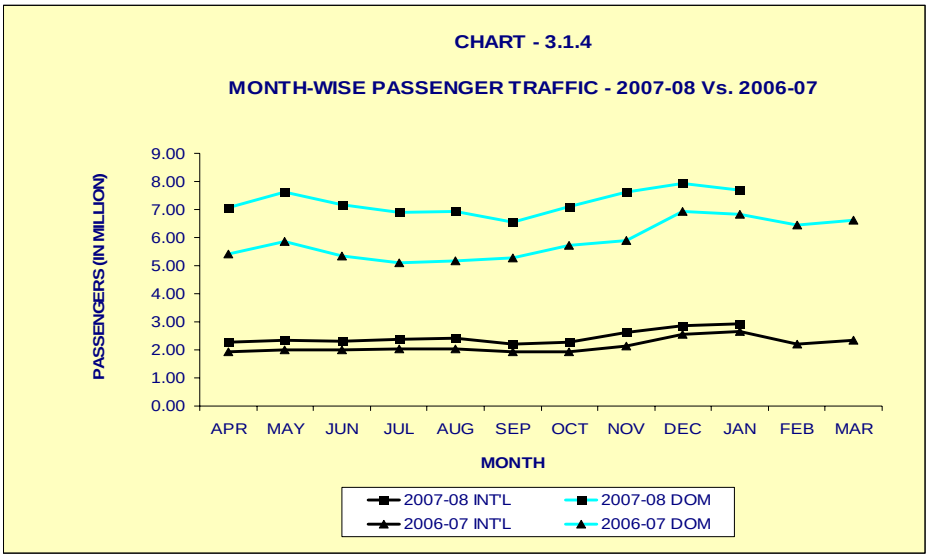
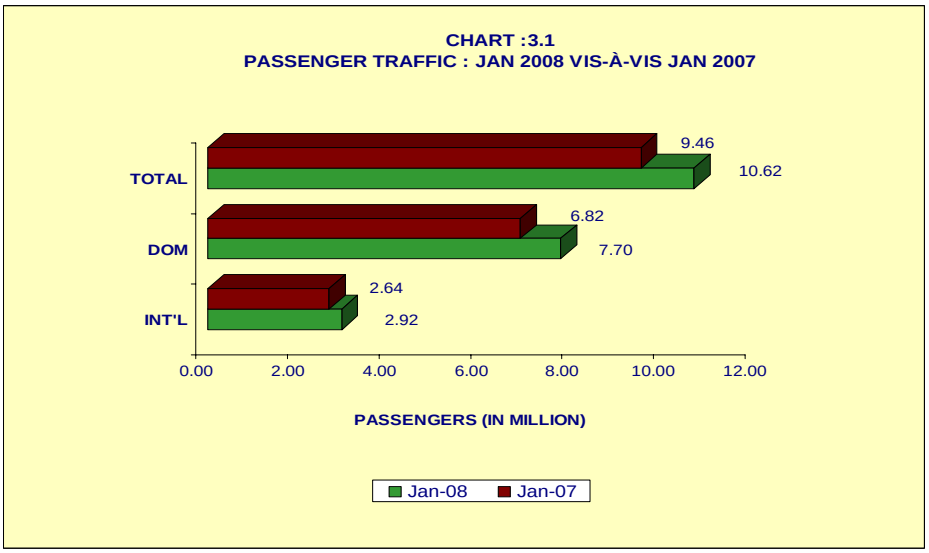


TABLE 3.1: TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC TRENDS - JANUARY 2008 vis-à-vis JANUARY 2007

(in million)

Airport Category	January 2008	January 2007	% Change
Thirteen International Airports	4.48	4.08	9.9
Three JV Int'l Airports	4.83	4.31	12.1
Eight Custom Airports	0.51	0.45	13.7
Twenty Two Domestic Airports	0.67	0.53	25.6
Others Domestic Airports	0.13	0.09	37.9
Total	**10.62**	**9.46**	**12.2**



3.2 TRAFFIC TREND: APR– JAN 2007-08 vis-à-vis APR – JAN 2006-07

3.2.1 TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The total passenger traffic handled during April–January 2007-08 reached to 97.22 million from 78.76 million, which has shown an increase of 23.4 per cent as compared to the passenger handled during April–January 2006-07. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure–I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIIC.

3.2.2 INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The international passenger traffic has registered an increase of 16.2 per cent at all airports taken together during the period under review. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure–I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIIA.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure–IIIA):

• Chennai	18.0	• Calicut	21.9
• Bangalore	23.8	• Amritsar	19.2
• Kolkata	26.0	• Cochin (CIAL)	24.8
• Hyderabad	19.8	• Lucknow	37.9
• Ahmedabad	59.4	• Tiruchirappalli	88.2

3.2.3 DOMESTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The domestic passenger traffic has registered an increase of 26.1 per cent during the period under review. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIIB.

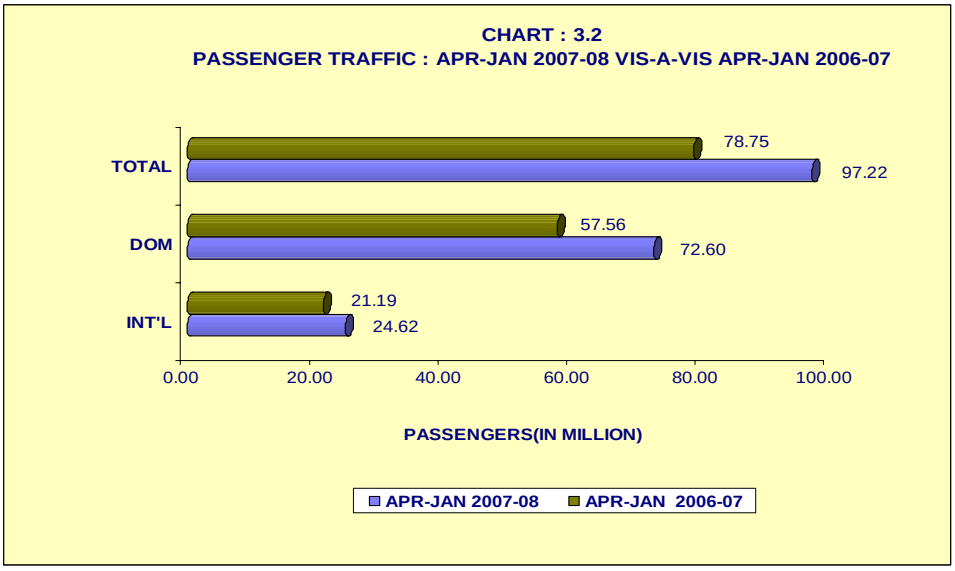
Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IIIB):

• Bangalore	28.8	• Port Blair	63.4
• Kolkata	26.7	• Indore	52.4
• Jaipur	105.1	• Madurai	44.3
• Guwahati	30.1	• Bhubaneshwar	111.6
• Nagpur	36.7	• Imphal	60.6
• Cochin (CIAL)	41.3	• Ranchi	76.2
• Varanasi	32.5	• Visakhapatnam	62.4
• Tiruchirappalli	74.6	• Raipur	88.2

TABLE 3.2: TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC TRENDS APR–JAN 2007-08 vis-à-vis APR–JAN 2006-07

(in million)

Airport Category	Apr-Jan 2007-08	Apr-Jan 2006-07	% Change
Thirteen International Airports	41.16	32.92	25.0
Three JV Int'l Airports	44.16	37.14	18.9
Eight Custom Airports	4.59	3.62	26.8
Twenty Two Domestic Airports	6.23	4.34	43.4
Others Domestic Airports	1.08	0.73	48.3
Total	**97.22**	**78.75**	**23.4**



4.0 FREIGHT TRAFFIC

4.1 TRAFFIC TREND: JANUARY 2008 vis-à-vis JANUARY 2007

4.1.1 TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC: -

The total freight traffic (International and Domestic) handled has increased by 12.3 per cent as compared to the freight handled during January 2007. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IVC.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVC):

• Chennai	15.7	• Cochin(CIAL)	32.0
• Hyderabad	19.8	• Indore	26.3
• Delhi(DIAL)	18.4	• Imphal	58.5

Higher growth at Imphal airport is due to introduction of India Post Freighter Service by Alliance Air.

Major declines (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVC):

• Calicut	27.5	• Srinagar	18.5
• Guwahati	47.4	• Pune	35.1

4.1.2 INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The international freight traffic has registered increase of 14.4 per cent during the month of January 2008 as compared to the traffic handled in January 2007. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IVA.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVA):

• Chennai	23.1	• Cochin (CIAL)	32.3
• Ahmedabad	82.6	• Lucknow	30.8
• Delhi (DIAL)	19.1	• Coimbatore	60.4

Major declines (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVA):

• Calicut	29.9	• Goa	29.1

4.1.3 DOMESTIC FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The domestic freight traffic has increased to 47.87 thousand tonnes in January 2008 from 44.08 thousand tonnes freight handled in January 2007, which has increased marginally by 8.6 per cent. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IVB.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVB):

• Kolkata	14.9	• Cochin (CIAL)	31.2
• Bangalore	12.6	• Calicut	20.0
• Hyderabad	28.3	• Mangalore	71.4
• Jaipur	37.2	• Indore	26.3
• Delhi (DIAL)	16.8	• Imphal	58.5

Major declines (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVB):

• Chennai	14.0	• Srinagar	18.5
• Guwahati	47.4	• Pune	35.1

4.1.4 MONTH-WISE FREIGHT TRAFFIC TREND:

Month-wise Freight traffic trend has shown in the chart below:

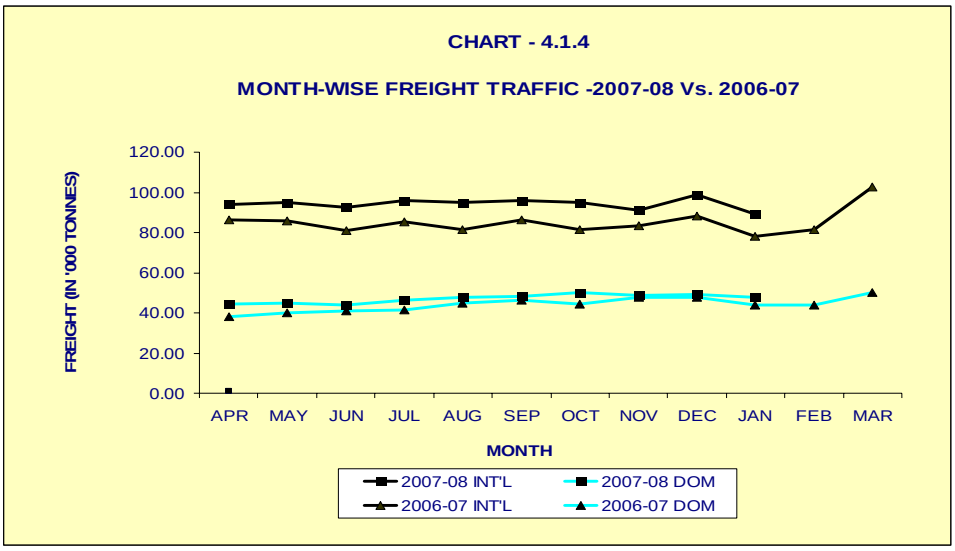
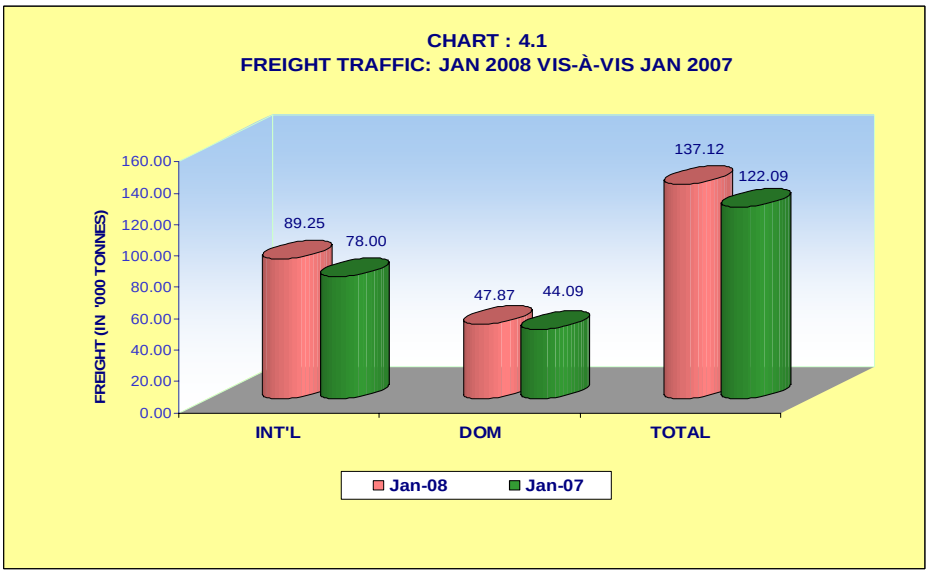


TABLE -4.1: TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC TRENDS – JANUARY 2008 vis- à-vis JANUARY 2006

(in '000 tonnes)

Airport Category	January 2008	January 2007	% Change
Thirteen International Airports	53.92	48.74	10.6
Three JV Int'l Airports	79.39	69.61	14.0
Eight Custom Airports	1.44	1.73	-17.2
Twenty Two Domestic Airports	2.29	1.95	17.8
Others Domestic Airports	0.08	0.06	31.1
Total	**137.12**	**122.09**	**12.3**



4.2 TRAFFIC TREND: APR–JAN 2007-08 vis à-vis APR–JAN 2006-07

4.2.1 TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC: -

The total freight traffic increased to 1414.12 thousand tonnes from 1272.95 thousand tonnes, which registered an increase of 11.1 per cent during April – January 2007-08 as compared to freight traffic handled in April –January 2006-07. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure-I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure -IVC.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVC):

• Chennai	14.8	• Tiruchirappalli	41.8
• Hyderabad	15.8	• Port Blair	22.1
• Ahmedabad	16.4	• Agartala	37.6
• Nagpur	22.8	• Indore	45.0
• Cochin (CIAL)	19.8	• Raipur	56.0
• Mangalore	32.7	• Imphal	69.1

4.2.2 INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The international freight traffic has been increased by 12.6 per cent during the period under review. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IVA.

Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVA):

• Chennai	17.7	• Mumbai (MIAL)	14.0
• Kolkata	15.7	• Cochin (CIAL)	24.0
• Ahmedabad	49.2	• Tiruchirappalli	41.2

4.2.3 DOMESTIC FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The domestic freight traffic has shown an increase of 8.2 per cent during the period under review. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IVB.

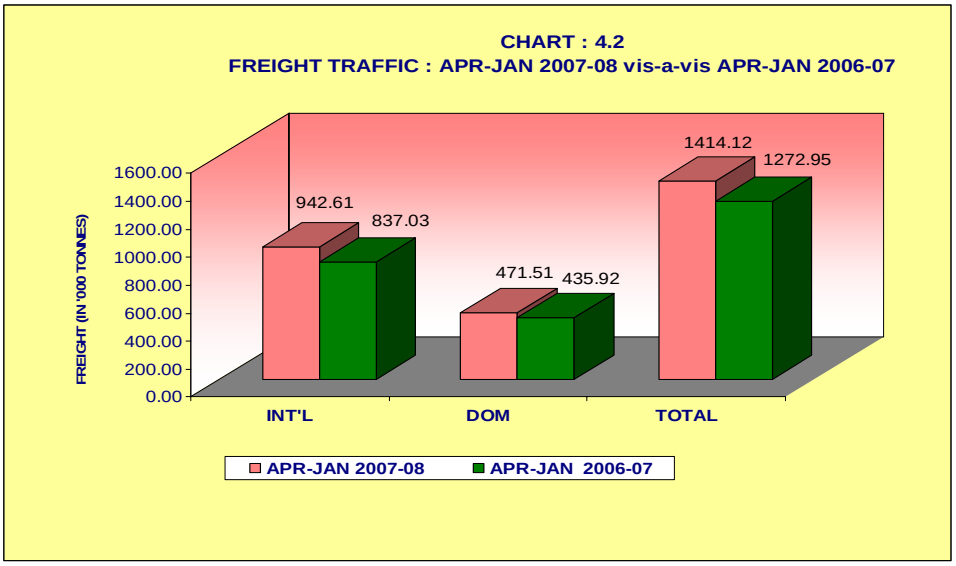
Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVB):

• Hyderabad	20.7	• Indore	45.0
• Jaipur	27.5	• Raipur	56.0
• Delhi (DIAL)	12.2	• Bhubaneshwar	23.0
• Nagpur	22.9	• Imphal	69.1
• Mangalore	32.7	• Agartala	37.6

TABLE 4.2: TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC TRENDS APR–JAN 2007-08 vis-à-vis APR–JAN 2006-07

(in '000 tonnes)

Airport Category	Apr-Jan 2007-08	Apr-Jan 2006-07	% Change
Thirteen International Airports	555.74	502.06	10.7
Three JV Int'l Airports	816.69	732.29	11.5
Eight Custom Airports	17.40	18.99	-8.4
Twenty Two Domestic Airports	23.30	18.94	23.0
Others Domestic Airports	0.99	0.67	47.9
Total	**1414.12**	**1272.95**	**11.1**



5.0 PRIVATE AIRLINES SHARE IN THE DOMESTIC TRAFFIC:

TABLE 5.1: PRIVATE AIRLINES (REGULAR) AND LOW COST AIRLINES SHARE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN DOMESTIC TRAFFIC JANUARY 2008

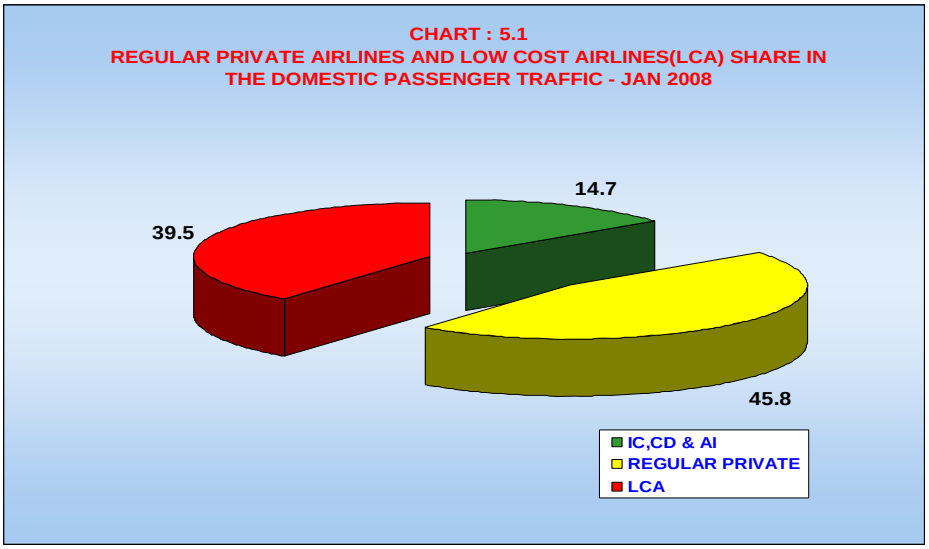
(In Percentage Share)

AIRPORTS	AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS		
	IC, CD &AI	Private Airlines	
		Regular	Low cost
CHENNAI	14.8	53.3	31.9
BANGALORE	9.4	54.8	35.8
KOLKATA	18.7	45.6	35.7
HYDERABAD	12.8	43.6	43.6
AHMEDABAD	11.2	52.1	36.7
GOA	12.0	42.8	45.2
TRIVANDRUM	18.0	56.8	25.2
CALICUT	25.0	75.0	0.0
GUWAHATI	35.6	33.8	30.6
JAIPUR	4.7	54.3	41.0
SRINAGAR	13.1	44.2	42.8
NAGPUR	24.5	42.4	33.1
AMRITSAR	16.0	56.8	27.2
MUMBAI (MIAL)	16.4	54.6	28.9
DELHI (DIAL)	20.1	47.9	32.0
COCHIN (CIAL)	4.6	62.7	32.7
TOTAL	**15.8**	**50.5**	**33.7**

AIRPORTS	PASSENGERS		
	IC, CD &AI	Private Airlines	
		Regular	Low cost
CHENNAI	16.6	45.8	37.7
BANGALORE	8.4	48.7	42.9
KOLKATA	14.6	47.7	37.7
HYDERABAD	15.9	37.8	46.3
AHMEDABAD	8.0	42.2	49.8
GOA	11.7	37.5	50.8
TRIVANDRUM	25.2	40.8	34.0
CALICUT	73.1	26.9	0.0
GUWAHATI	13.9	50.2	36.0
JAIPUR	5.1	37.9	57.0
SRINAGAR	10.4	47.4	42.2
NAGPUR	25.3	32.8	41.9
AMRITSAR	30.2	53.7	16.1
MUMBAI (MIAL)	15.2	50.9	33.9
DELHI (DIAL)	17.8	42.8	39.3
COCHIN (CIAL)	6.4	52.6	40.9
TOTAL	**14.7**	**45.8**	**39.5**
AIRPORTS	FREIGHT		
	IC, CD &AI	Private Airlines	
		Regular	Low cost
CHENNAI	43.5	56.5	0.0
BANGALORE	13.1	78.1	8.8
KOLKATA	28.9	71.1	0.0
HYDERABAD	22.9	75.9	1.2
AHMEDABAD	16.9	83.1	0.0
GOA	51.5	48.5	0.0
TRIVANDRUM	53.3	46.7	0.0
CALICUT	37.5	62.5	0.0
GUWAHATI	35.7	64.3	0.0
JAIPUR	54.9	45.1	0.0
SRINAGAR	41.7	58.3	0.0
NAGPUR	56.5	43.5	0.0
AMRITSAR	100.0	0.0	0.0
MUMBAI (MIAL)	20.2	76.9	2.9
DELHI (DIAL)	21.3	66.1	12.5
COCHIN (CIAL)	7.2	84.4	8.4
TOTAL	**23.1**	**71.5**	**5.4**

(Air Deccan, SpiceJet, Go Air and Indigo Airlines are considered as low cost airlines)

The share of private airlines on the domestic sector has further improved to 84.2%, 85.3% and 76.9% in aircraft movement, passenger and freight traffic respectively during January 2008. The overall share of private airlines for the month of January 2008 was 85.3 per cent in the domestic passengers' traffic. Percentage share in domestic traffic has been shown graphically in the chart 5.1. The overall share of Low Cost Airlines for the month of January 2008 was 39.5 per cent in the domestic passengers' traffic compared to 35.4 per cent in January 2007. The detailed Airport-wise percentage share of private airlines in domestic traffic is given in the table 5.1.

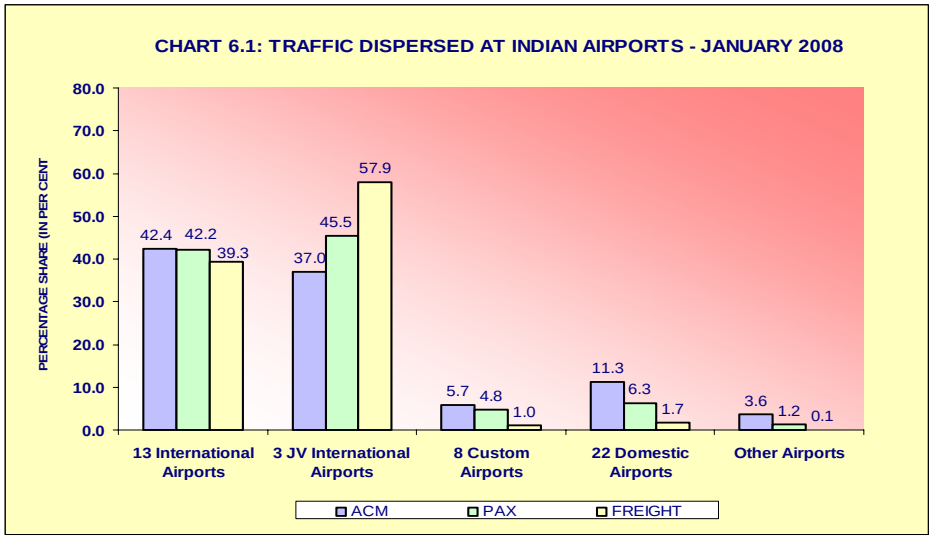


6.0 AIRPORT CATEGORY WISE TRAFFIC SHARE:

TABLE 6.1: PERCENTAGE SHARE OF AIR TRAFFIC DISPERSED AT INDIAN AIRPORTS -JANUARY 2008

AIRPORT CATEGORY	AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS	
	JANUARY 2008	JANUARY 2007
Thirteen International Airports	42.40	43.41
Three JV Int'l Airports	36.95	37.95
Eight Custom Airports	5.74	5.57
Twenty Two Domestic Airports	11.29	10.15
Others Domestic Airports	3.62	2.92
Total	100.00	100.00
AIRPORT CATEGORY	**PASSENGERS**	
	JANUARY 2008	**JANUARY 2007**
Thirteen International Airports	42.19	43.10
Three JV Int'l Airports	45.51	45.56
Eight Custom Airports	4.79	4.73
Twenty Two Domestic Airports	6.30	5.63
Others Domestic Airports	1.21	0.99
Total	100.00	100.00
AIRPORT CATEGORY	**FREIGHT**	
	JANUARY 2008	**JANUARY 2007**
Thirteen International Airports	39.32	39.92
Three JV Int'l Airports	57.90	57.01
Eight Custom Airports	1.05	1.42
Twenty Two Domestic Airports	1.67	1.59
Others Domestic Airports	0.06	0.05
Total	100.00	100.00

The dispersion of air traffic is given in terms of percentage handled at different categories of airports in the country and is shown in the table-6.1. The dispersion of traffic is depicted in the chart 6.1 for the month of January 2008. The table 6.1 shows that Sixteen international airports has major share in the country's air traffic i.e. 79.4 per cent, 87.7 per cent and 97.2 per cent in aircraft movements, passengers and freight traffic respectively.



7.0 REGIONWISE TREND AND SHARE IN TOTAL TRAFFIC:

7.1 REGION WISE TREND:

The highest growth in total aircraft movement has been recorded in North East Region (30.9%) followed by Eastern Region (25.3%) during the reporting month January 2008. Similarly, in total passengers, Eastern Region has recorded robust growth of 20.4% over January 2007 and followed by Southern Region (12.3%). The growth rates of Other Regions were lower than the all India growth rate (12.2%) during January 2008 over January 2007 in total passengers' traffic. North East Region has shown negative growth of 1.8% in total freight traffic during the reporting month January 2008. Category wise and Region wise trends in traffic during January 2008 and for the period April–January 2007-08 vis-à-vis 2006-07 may be visualized in the annexure–V.

7.2 REGION WISE SHARE:

Western Region has the highest percentage share in total passengers and freight traffic closely followed by Southern Region during January 2008. Southern Region has the highest percentage share in total aircraft movement followed by Western Region during the same period. Category wise and Region wise share in traffic during January 2008 and for the period April–January 2007-08 vis-à-vis 2006-07 may be visualized in the annexure–V.

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