

1.0 TRAFFIC SUMMARY

During the month of March 2009, all operational airports (taken together) handled 109.24 thousand aircraft movements (excludes General Aviation Movements), 8.82 million passengers and 150.02 thousand tonnes of freight. The details are given in the table below.

TABLE-1.1: TOTAL TRAFFIC HANDLED IN MARCH 2009 AND APR – MAR 2008-09

Category	March 2009	March 2008	% Change
Aircraft Movement (in '000)			
International	23.20	22.64	2.5
Domestic	86.04	95.89	-10.3
Total	109.24	118.53	-7.8
General Aviation	14.05	17.47	-19.6
Passengers (in million)			
International	2.61	2.66	-1.8
Domestic	6.21	7.34	-15.4
Total	8.82	10.00	-11.8
Freight (in '000 tonnes)			
International	102.11	108.04	-5.5
Domestic	47.91	49.09	-2.4
Total	150.02	157.13	-4.5
Category	Apr-Mar 2008-09	Apr-Mar 2007-08	% Change
Aircraft Movements (in '000)			
International	270.40	248.54	8.8
Domestic	1035.52	1059.09	-2.2
Total	1305.92	1307.63	-0.1
General Aviation	171.77	178.12	-3.6
Passengers (in million)			
International	31.58	29.82	5.9
Domestic	77.30	87.07	-11.2
Total	108.88	116.89	-6.9
Freight (in '000 tonnes)			
International	1149.36	1146.75	0.2
Domestic	547.93	568.23	-3.6
Total	1697.29	1714.98	-1.0

The above table reveals that the aircraft movements, passenger and freight traffic have decreased by 7.8 per cent, 11.8 and 4.5 per cent respectively during March 2009 over traffic handled during March 2008.

The detailed traffic analysis is given in the succeeding paragraphs.

2.0 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

2.1 TRAFFIC TRENDS: MARCH 2009 vis-à-vis MARCH 2008

2.1.1 TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

The total aircraft movements (International and Domestic) handled in March 2009 has shown a decrease of 7.8 per cent as compared to the aircraft movement handled in March 2008 (referred to Annexure-I). Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure– I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIC.

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

• Lucknow	9.1	• Imphal	20.3
• Pune	9.4	• Raipur	32.7
• Trichy	57.4	• Visakhapatnam	14.3

Most of the airports have witnessed negative growth during the month of March 2009 compared to March 2008. Introduction of Paramount Airways from July 2008 in domestic sector and Air Asia from December 2008 in international sector contributed to higher growth rate at Trichy Airport.

2.1.2 INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

The international aircraft movement has increased marginally by 2.5 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):

• Chennai	7.1	• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	9.0
• Trivandrum	8.2	• Trichy	46.3
• Delhi (DIAL)	3.5	• Pune	188.9
• Bangalore(BIAL)	34.9	• Mangalore	16.1

Introduction of services by Lufthansa Airlines at Pune Airport from July 2008 contributed to higher growth. 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 have decreased by 10.3 per cent during March 2009. 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):

• Amritsar	62.5	• Raipur	32.7
• Pune	5.3	• Imphal	20.3
• Trichy	116.7	• Visakhapatnam	13.7

Major airports have witnessed negative growth during March 2009 due to withdrawal of operation by some of the airlines.

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

• Ahmedabad	16.5	• Mumbai(MIAL)	8.9
• Calicut	21.4	• Delhi(DIAL)	6.4
• Jaipur	25.3	• Bangalore(BIAL)	24.9
• Port Blair	32.7	• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	9.7
• Srinagar	21.5	• Cochin(CIAL)	7.4

2.1.4 MONTH-WISE A/C MOVEMENTS TREND:

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

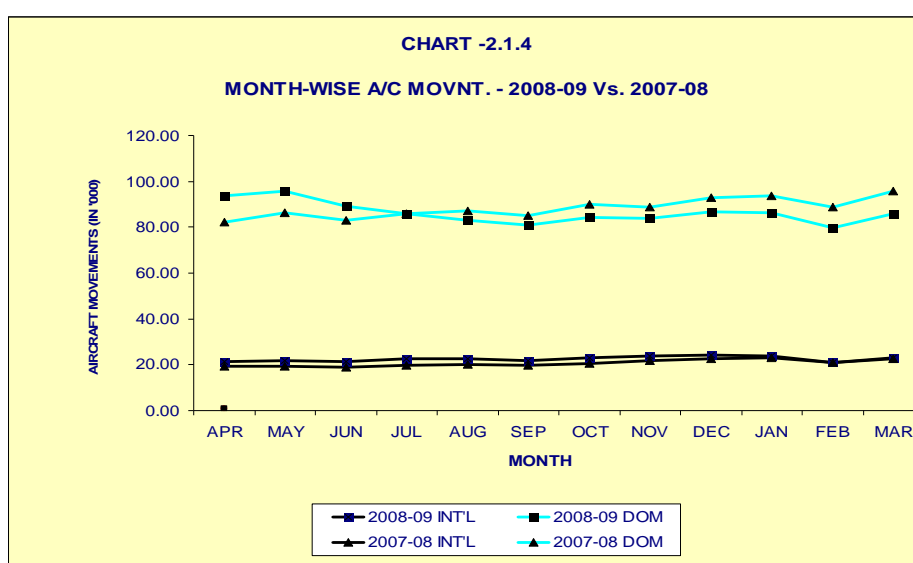
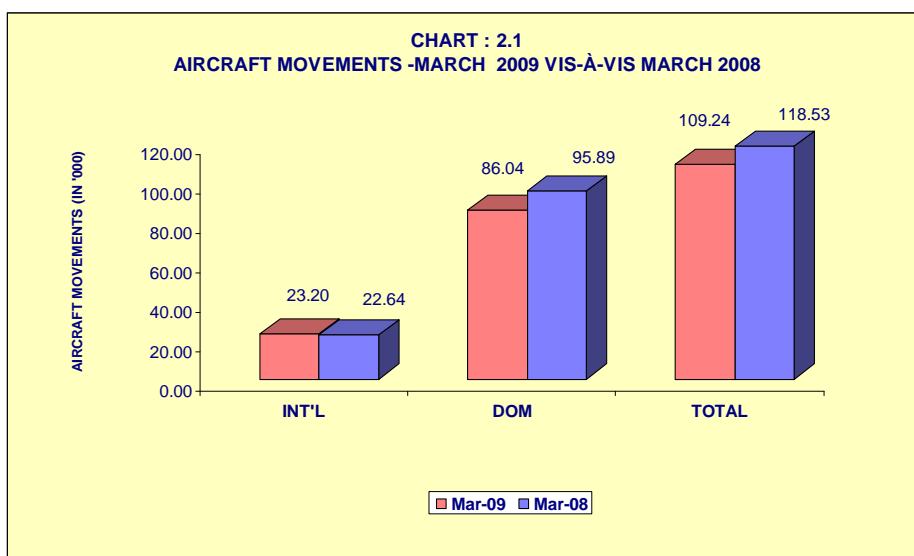


TABLE 2.1: TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT TRAFFIC TRENDS MARCH 2009 vis-à-vis MARCH 2008

(in '000)

Airport Category	March 2009	March 2008	% Change
Twelve International Airports	31.12	34.19	-9.0
Five JV Int'l Airports	55.56	60.40	-8.0
Eight Custom Airports	6.63	6.62	0.1
Twenty One Domestic Airports	12.01	13.09	-8.3
Others Domestic Airports	3.92	4.23	-7.1
Total	109.24	118.53	-7.8



2.2 TRAFFIC TREND: APR–MAR 2008-09 vis-à-vis APR– MAR 2007-08

2.2.1 TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS: -

The total aircraft movements have witnessed a marginal decrease of 0.1 per cent i.e., from 1307.63 thousand movements to 1305.92 thousand movements during the period April-March 2008-09 as compared to the aircraft movement handled during April–March 2007-08. 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 8.8 per cent during April–March 2008-09. 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	10.0	• Cochin (CIAL)	16.5
• Jaipur	26.7	• Pune	41.1
• Calicut	30.9	• Mangalore	64.3
• Bangalore(BIAL)	19.0	• Varanasi	14.2

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 a marginal decrease of 2.2 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 –IIB.

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

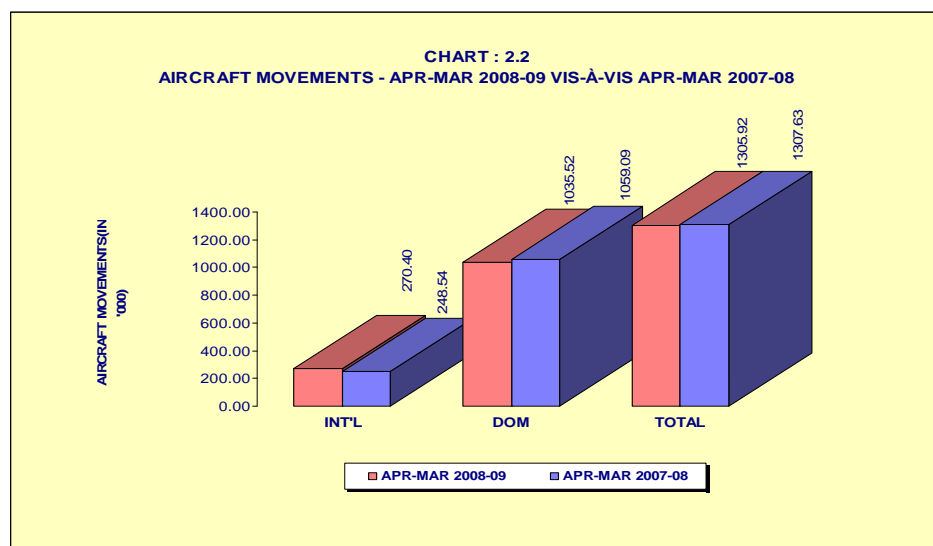
• Guwahati	2.9	• Visakhapatnam	52.3
• Amritsar	41.2	• Chandigarh	25.0
• Pune	11.0	• Raipur	33.6
• Trichy	79.4	• Bagdogra	23.3
• Indore	30.2	• Bhopal	26.6

Kingfisher airlines reintroduced its operation from April 2008 and Paramount started its operation from July 2008 at Trichy Airport. Most of the international airports have witnessed lower growth in aircraft movements due to withdrawal of operations / decrease in frequencies by some of the airlines since June 2008.

**TABLE 2.2: TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT TRAFFIC TRENDS
APR – MAR 2008-09 vis-à-vis APR – MAR 2007-08**

(in '000)

Airport Category	Apr-Mar 2008-09	Apr-Mar 2007-08	% Change
Twelve International Airports	368.07	372.46	-1.2
Five JV Int'l Airports	671.32	680.47	-1.3
Eight Custom Airports	74.75	70.92	5.4
Twenty One Domestic Airports	148.36	140.73	5.4
Others Domestic Airports	43.42	43.05	0.8
Total	1305.92	1307.63	-0.1



3.0 PASSENGERS TRAFFIC: -

3.1. TRAFFIC TREND: MARCH 2009 vis-à-vis MARCH 2008

3.1.1 TOTAL PASSENGERS TRAFFIC:

The total passenger traffic has shown a decrease of 11.8 per cent as compared to March 2008. It reveals from the reported traffic data the passengers' traffic growth is recovering during March 2009. Growth

rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure –I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIC.

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

• Calicut	18.2	• Visakhapatnam	13.4
• Srinagar	10.3	• Agartala	17.0
• Lucknow	18.2	• Chandigarh	33.2
• Trichy	44.5	• Leh	26.4

The passenger traffic at most of the airports has been decreased substantially due to withdrawal of operations by number of airlines in the domestic sectors since June 2008.

3.1.2 INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The international passenger traffic has registered a marginal decrease of 1.8 per cent during March 2009 as compared to passenger traffic handled in March 2008. 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):

• Trivandrum	2.4	• Cochin(CIAL)	5.9
• Calicut	26.5	• Mangalore	55.1
• Jaipur	17.5	• Trichy	53.5
• Hyderabad (GHIAL)	5.7	• Pune	63.8

Remarkable increase at Calicut airport may be attributed to the introduction of operation phase wise by Ethiad Airway, Oman Air, Qatar Airways and Emirates from June 2008. Air Asia introduced its operation at Trichy airport from December 2008.

3.1.3 DOMESTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The domestic passenger traffic in March 2009 has decreased to 6.21 million from 7.34 million in March 2008 registering a decrease of 15.4 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):

• Srinagar	9.7	• Visakhapatnam	13.3
• Amritsar	16.3	• Agartala	17.0
• Lucknow	22.0	• Leh	26.4
• Chandigarh	33.2	• Bhopal	9.4

Most of the international airports have witnessed negative growth ranging between 11% and 36% in domestic passengers due to lower seat load factor of the airlines during March 2009.

3.1.4 MONTH-WISE PASSENGER TRAFFIC TREND:

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

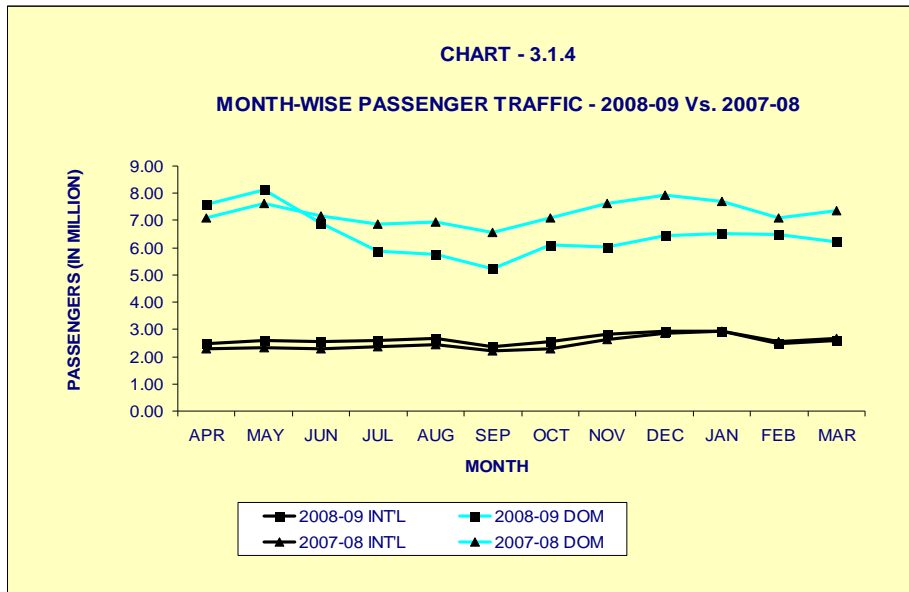
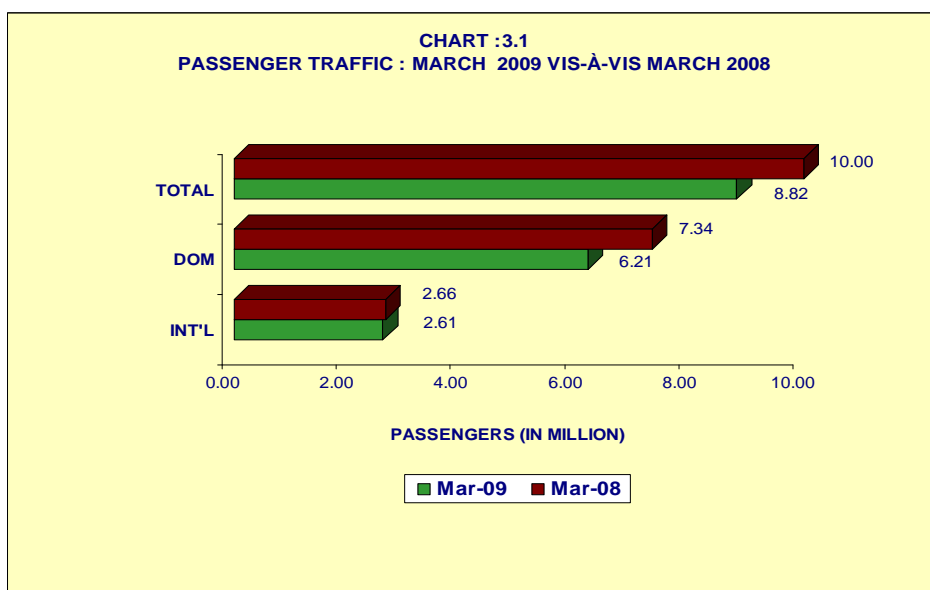


TABLE 3.1: TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC TRENDS- MARCH 2009 vis-à-vis MARCH 2008

(in million)

Airport Category	March 2009	March 2008	% Change
Twelve International Airports	2.49	2.83	-12.2
Five JV Int'l Airports	5.18	5.99	-13.4
Eight Custom Airports	0.47	0.47	0.2
Twenty One Domestic Airports	0.57	0.59	-4.0
Others Domestic Airports	0.11	0.12	-7.8
Total	8.82	10.00	-11.8



3.2 TRAFFIC TREND: APR– MAR 2008-09 vis-à-vis APR – MAR 2007-08

3.2.1 TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The total passenger traffic handled during April–March 2008-09 have decreased to 108.88 million from 116.89 million, which has shown downfall of 6.9 per cent as compared to the passenger handled during April–March 2007-08. Growth rates of different categories of airports are mentioned in Annexure–I and airport-wise details are given in Annexure –IIC.

3.2.2 INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The international passenger traffic has registered an increase of 5.9 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	7.4	• Cochin (CIAL)	13.5
• Calicut	38.2	• Coimbatore	71.2
• Jaipur	8.5	• Mangalore	30.2
• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	8.6	• Trichy	24.3

3.2.3 DOMESTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The domestic passenger traffic has registered decrease of 11.2 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 –IIIB.

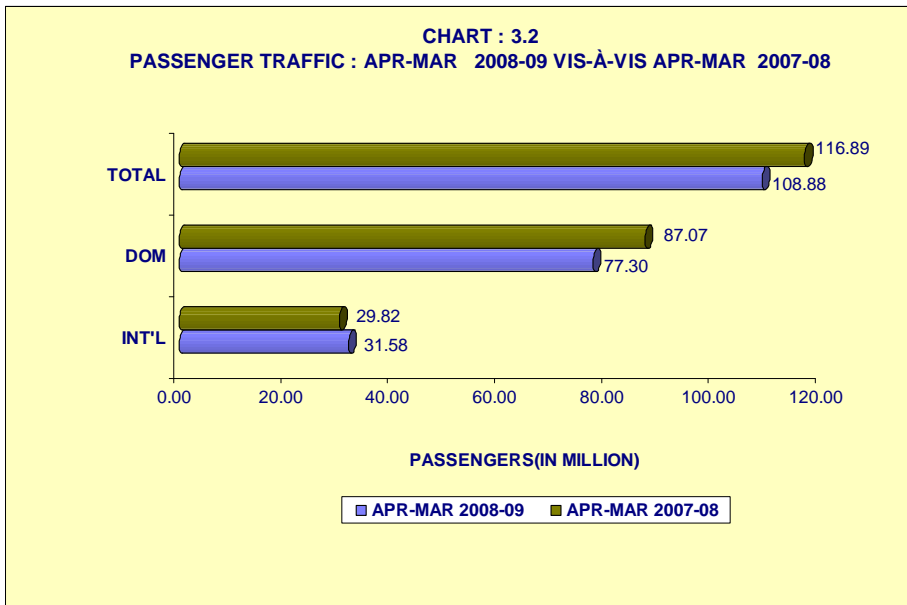
Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IIIB):

• Lucknow	19.1	• Bagdogra	33.9
• Visakhapatnam	19.2	• Indore	9.2
• Chandigarh	58.6	• Leh	12.7

TABLE 3.2: TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC TRENDS APR–MAR2008-09 vis-à-vis APR–MAR2007-08

(in million)

Airport Category	Apr-Mar 2008-09	Apr-Mar 2007-08	% Change
Twelve International Airports	30.68	33.08	-7.3
Five JV Int'l Airports	64.62	70.31	-8.1
Eight Custom Airports	5.55	5.44	2.0
Twenty One Domestic Airports	6.75	6.77	-0.3
Others Domestic Airports	1.28	1.29	-0.8
Total	108.88	116.89	-6.9



4.0 FREIGHT TRAFFIC

4.1 TRAFFIC TREND: MARCH 2009 vis-à-vis MARCH 2008

4.1.1 TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC: -

The total freight traffic (International and Domestic) handled has decreased by 4.5 per cent as compared to the freight handled during March 2008. Most of the airports have registered sluggish growth during March 2009. 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):

• Goa	13.9	• Pune	53.0
• Guwahati	7.4	• Lucknow	40.4
• Jaipur	18.1	• Coimbatore	27.6
• Calicut	29.0	• Agartala	20.8
• Cochin(CIAL)	38.9	• Imphal	40.2

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

• Kolkata	6.8	• Mumbai(MIAL)	4.5
• Ahmedabad	17.9	• Delhi(DIAL)	5.3
• Trivandrum	16.7	• Bangalore(BIAL)	18.4

4.1.2 INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The international freight traffic has registered a decrease of 5.5 per cent during the month of March 2009 as compared to the traffic handled in March 2008. 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):

• Calicut	29.5	• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	23.8
• Goa	192.6	• Cochin(CIAL)	57.8

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

• Chennai	10.2	• Mumbai (MIAL)	6.1
• Trivandrum	18.3	• Delhi(DIAL)	5.2

4.1.3 DOMESTIC FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The domestic freight traffic has decreased to 47.91 thousand tonnes in March 2009 from 49.09 thousand tonnes freight handled in March 2008, which has shown a decrease of 2.4 per cent. Most of the airports have registered downfall in domestic freight handling during March 2009. 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):

• Chennai	47.3	• Pune	53.0
• Trivandrum	30.6	• Coimbatore	74.8

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

• Ahmedabad	29.8	• Bangalore(BIAL)	30.8
• Goa	22.5	• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	11.5
• Delhi(DIAL)	5.5	• Cochin(CIAL)	20.9

MONTH-WISE FREIGHT TRAFFIC TREND:

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

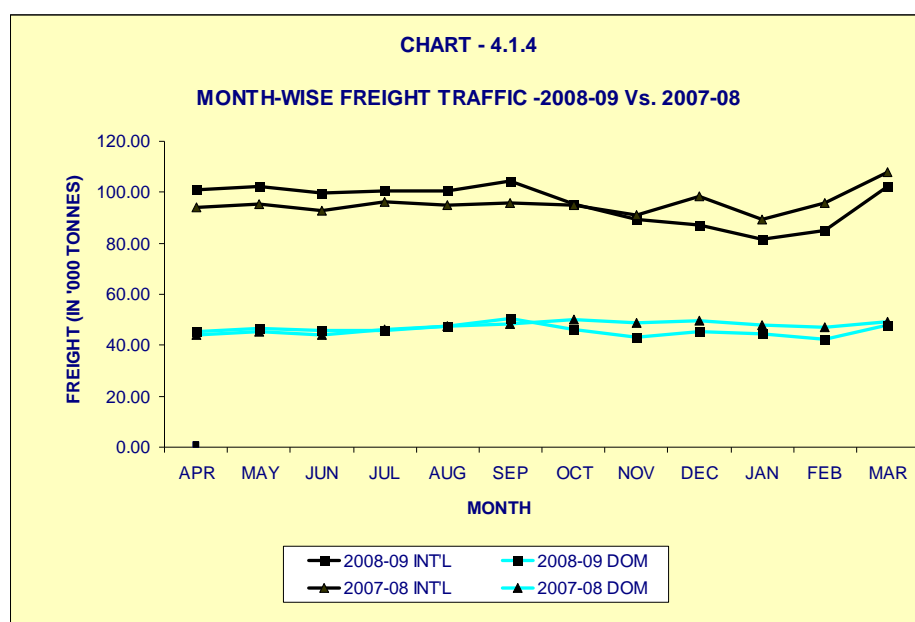
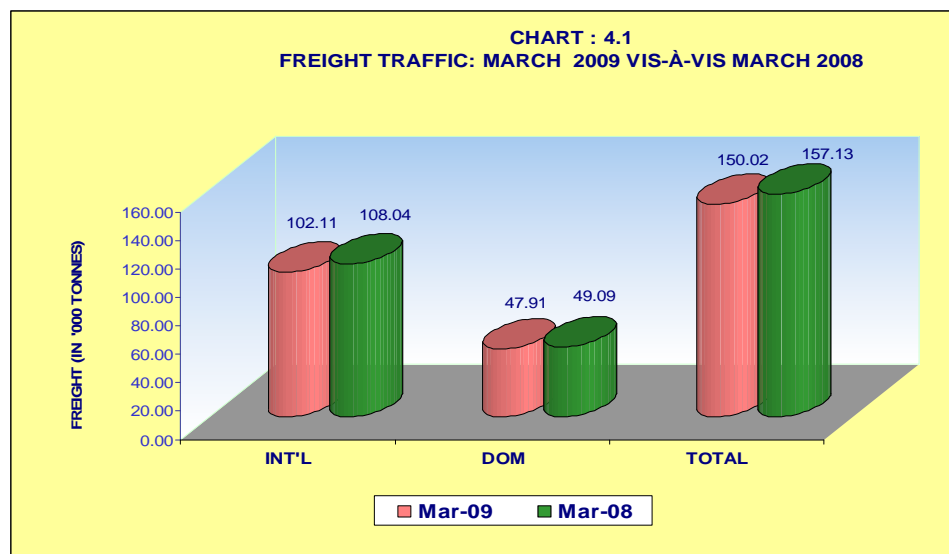


TABLE -4.1: TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC TRENDS – MARCH 2009 vis-à-vis MARCH 2008

(in '000 tonnes)

Airport Category	March 2009	March 2008	% Change
Twelve International Airports	39.71	41.27	-3.8
Five JV Int'l Airports	105.47	111.50	-5.4
Eight Custom Airports	2.37	1.78	33.0
Twenty One Domestic Airports	2.38	2.45	-3.0
Others Domestic Airports	0.09	0.13	-24.8
Total	150.02	157.13	-4.5



4.1 TRAFFIC TREND: APR–MAR 2008-09 vis à-vis APR–MAR 2007-08

4.2.1 TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC: -

The total freight traffic has decreased to 1697.29 thousand tonnes from 1714.98 thousand tonnes, which has registered a marginal decrease of 1.0 per cent during April – March 2008-09 as compared to freight traffic handled in April –March 2007-08. 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):

• Calicut	37.5	• Coimbatore	15.4
• Port Blair	9.0	• Patna	10.7
• Amritsar	59.5	• Agartala	26.2
• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	6.0	• Visakhapatnam	43.2
• Cochin (CIAL)	23.8	• Bhopal	38.2
• Pune	16.7	• Imphal	39.2

4.2.2 INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The international freight traffic has marginally increased by 0.2 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 –IVA.

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

• Ahmedabad	53.5	• Mumbai (MIAL)	1.3
• Calicut	42.8	• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	23.3
• Amritsar	43.6	• Cochin (CIAL)	32.8

4.2.3 DOMESTIC FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The domestic freight traffic has shown marginal decreased of 3.6 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 –IVB.

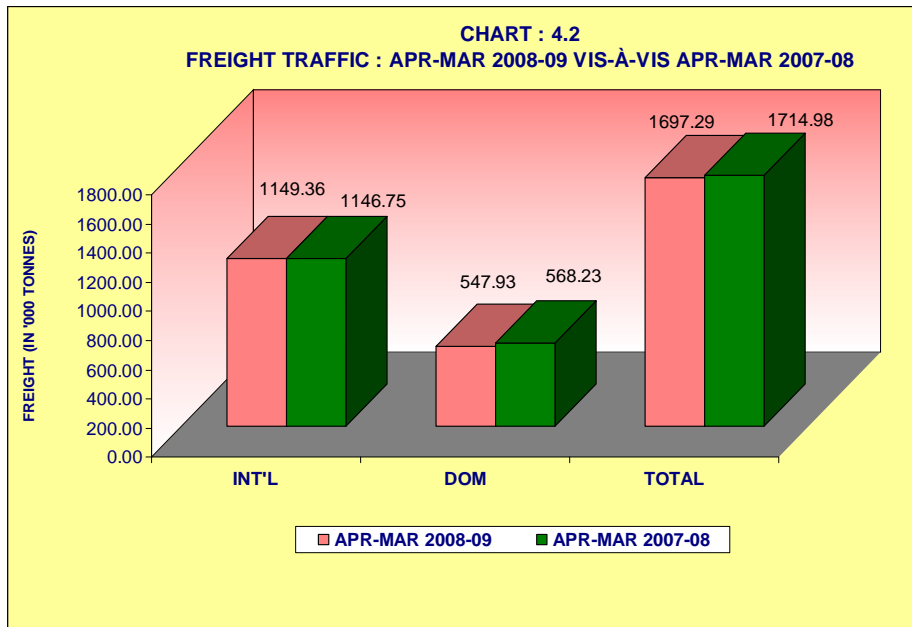
Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVB):

• Chennai	23.1	• Visakhapatnam	43.2
• Port Blair	9.0	• Bhopal	38.2
• Pune	16.7	• Imphal	39.2
• Lucknow	13.3	• Agartala	28.2
• Coimbatore	27.6	• Ranchi	33.6

TABLE 4.2: TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC TRENDS APR–MAR2008-09 vis-à-vis APR–MAR2007-08

(in '000 tonnes)

Airport Category	Apr-Mar 2008-09	Apr-Mar 2007-08	% Change
Twelve International Airports	445.86	445.86	0.0
Five JV Int'l Airports	1199.60	1220.85	-1.7
Eight Custom Airports	22.62	20.26	11.6
Twenty One Domestic Airports	28.00	26.65	5.1
Others Domestic Airports	1.21	1.36	-11.1
Total	1697.29	1714.98	-1.0



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 MARCH 2009

(In Percentage Share)

AIRPORTS	AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS		
	IC, CD & AI	Private Airlines	
		Regular	Low cost
CHENNAI	13.6	72.0	14.4
KOLKATA	19.0	56.2	24.8
AHMEDABAD	10.8	42.8	46.4
GOA	10.0	60.0	30.0
TRIVANDRUM	22.9	77.1	0.0
GUWAHATI	35.4	47.8	16.8
JAIPUR	13.7	40.7	45.5
CALICUT	31.8	68.2	0.0
NAGPUR	23.5	48.0	28.4
SRINAGAR	20.1	44.2	35.8
PORTBLAIR	60.1	13.3	26.6
AMRITSAR	23.7	37.9	38.5
MUMBAI (MIAL)	16.8	50.0	33.2
DELHI (DIAL)	19.7	45.5	34.8
BANGALORE (BIAL)	8.4	73.9	17.6
HYDERABAD (GHIAL)	11.7	64.8	23.5
COCHIN(CIAL)	19.5	70.2	10.4
TOTAL	16.7	56.3	27.0
AIRPORTS	PASSENGERS		
	IC, CD & AI	Private Airlines	
		Regular	Low cost
CHENNAI	15.3	62.4	22.2
KOLKATA	16.2	48.2	35.6
AHMEDABAD	6.7	42.2	51.2
GOA	9.4	50.1	40.4
TRIVANDRUM	26.1	73.9	0.0
GUWAHATI	13.1	55.5	31.4
JAIPUR	7.3	31.4	61.3

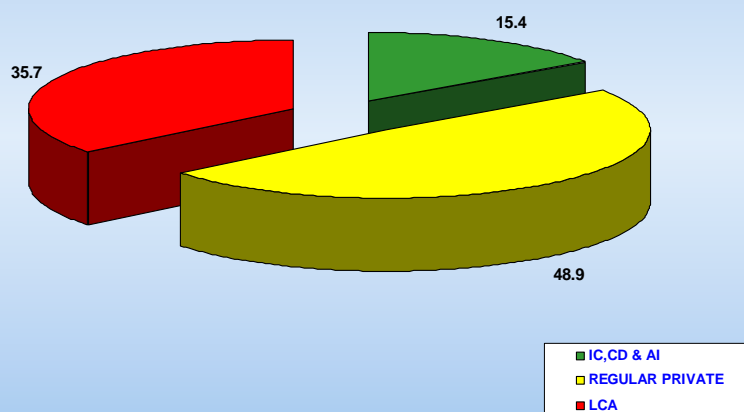
CALICUT	87.2	12.8	0.0
NAGPUR *	30.5	41.0	28.5
SRINAGAR	11.7	52.6	35.8
PORTBLAIR	33.9	25.3	40.8
AMRITSAR	23.4	43.3	33.3
MUMBAI (MIAL)	16.8	46.3	36.9
DELHI (DIAL)	18.4	39.3	42.3
BANGALORE (BIAL)	8.1	62.4	29.5
HYDERABAD (GHIAL)	12.4	58.3	29.3
COCHIN(CIAL)	12.4	58.3	29.3
TOTAL	15.4	48.9	35.7
AIRPORTS	FREIGHT		
	IC, CD &AI	Private Airlines	
		Regular	Low cost
CHENNAI	12.9	67.2	19.9
KOLKATA	30.5	69.5	0.0
AHMEDABAD	14.3	85.7	0.0
GOA	33.2	66.8	0.0
TRIVANDRUM	20.3	79.7	0.0
GUWAHATI	61.0	6.9	32.1
JAIPUR	19.8	44.0	36.2
CALICUT	94.1	5.9	0.0
NAGPUR *	62.9	37.1	0.0
SRINAGAR	100.0	0.0	0.0
PORTBLAIR	44.2	1.4	54.4
AMRITSAR	100.0	0.0	0.0
MUMBAI (MIAL)	15.5	66.7	17.8
DELHI (DIAL)	19.4	49.1	31.5
BANGALORE (BIAL)	17.7	59.8	22.5
HYDERABAD (GHIAL)	23.1	58.6	18.3
COCHIN(CIAL)	23.1	58.6	18.3
TOTAL	19.2	60.9	19.9

***Estimated**

(Air Deccan/Kingfisher Red, 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 83.3%, 84.6% and 80.8% in aircraft movement, passenger and freight traffic respectively during March 2009. The overall share of private airlines for the month of March 2009 was 84.6 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 March 2009 was declined to 35.7 per cent in the domestic passengers' traffic compared to 38.9 per cent in March 2008. The detailed Airport-wise percentage share of private airlines in domestic traffic is given in the table 5.1.

CHART : 5.1
REGULAR PRIVATE AIRLINES AND LOW COST AIRLINES(LCA) SHARE IN
THE DOMESTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC - MARCH 2009

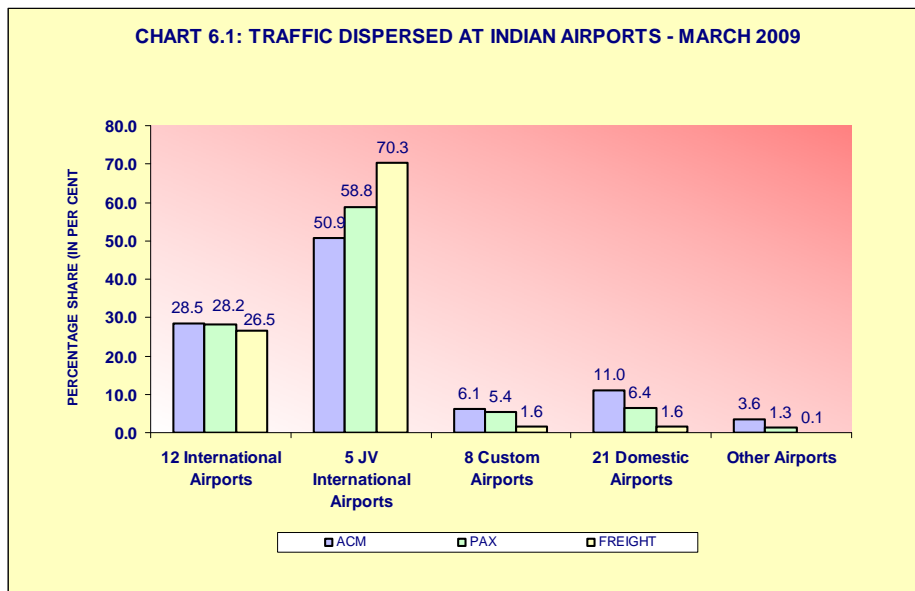


6.0 AIRPORT CATEGORY WISE TRAFFIC SHARE:

TABLE 6.1: PERCENTAGE SHARE OF AIR TRAFFIC
DISPERSED AT INDIAN AIRPORTS -MARCH
2009

AIRPORT CATEGORY	AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS	
	MARCH 2009	MARCH 2008
Twelve International Airports	28.49	28.84
Five JV Int'l Airports	50.86	50.96
Eight Custom Airports	6.07	5.59
Twenty One Domestic Airports	10.99	11.05
Others Domestic Airports	3.59	3.56
Total	100.00	100.00
AIRPORT CATEGORY	PASSENGERS	
	MARCH 2009	MARCH 2008
Twelve International Airports	28.18	28.29
Five JV Int'l Airports	58.76	59.86
Eight Custom Airports	5.38	4.73
Twenty One Domestic Airports	6.41	5.89
Others Domestic Airports	1.28	1.22
Total	100.00	100.00
AIRPORT CATEGORY	FREIGHT	
	MARCH 2009	MARCH 2008
Twelve International Airports	26.47	26.27
Five JV Int'l Airports	70.30	70.96
Eight Custom Airports	1.58	1.13
Twenty One Domestic Airports	1.58	1.56
Others Domestic Airports	0.06	0.08
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 March 2009. The table 6.1 shows that seventeen international airports has major share in the country's air traffic i.e. 79.4 per cent, 87.0 per cent and 96.8 per cent in aircraft movements, passengers and freight traffic respectively.



7.0 REGIONWISE TREND AND SHARE IN TOTAL TRAFFIC:

7.1 REGION WISE TREND:

All the regions have shown declining trend in total aircraft movements ranging from 5 to 15 per cent during the reporting month March 2009. Passenger traffic has registered a growth of 3.6 per cent in the North East Region and all other regions have shown negative growth ranging between 7 per cent and 16 per cent during March 2009 compared to March 2008. North East Region has witnessed growth of 18.9 per cent in total freight and other regions have shown negative growth ranging between 4 per cent and 7 per cent during March 2009 over March 2008. Category wise & Region wise trends in traffic during March 2009 and for the period April–March 2008-09 vis-à-vis 2007-08 may be visualized in the annexure–V.

7.2 REGION WISE SHARE:

Southern Region has the highest percentage share in total Aircraft Movement (34.4%) and followed by Western Region (29.9%). Southern Region (30.6%) has the highest percentage share in total passenger traffic closely followed by Western Region (30.4%) and Northern Region (28.4%) during March 2009. Southern Region has the highest percentage share in total freight (34.1%) closely followed by Western Region (33.9%) during March 2009. Category wise and Region wise share in traffic during March 2009 and for the period April–March 2008-09 vis-à-vis April–March 2007-08 may be visualized in the annexure–V.

8.0 WORLD TRAFFIC SCENARIO DURING MARCH 2009:

The passenger and freight traffic flash reported by ACI for March 2009 which reveal the continuing steady traffic decline of the past months.

8.1 Passenger Traffic:

In March 2009, passenger traffic fell sharply by 8 per cent compared to the same period in 2008. International and domestic passenger traffic was down respectively by 11 per cent and 6 per cent during March 2009. Traffic results of March 2009 come as no surprise as the business world struggle instability in the financial and industrial sectors. The first three months of 2009 showed world passenger traffic declining by 8 per cent with international traffic dropping by 10 per cent and domestic passenger traffic falling by 7 percent.

Global passenger traffic decreased by 3.6 percent during the year ending March 2009 compared to year ending March 2008. International passenger traffic dropped by 2.4 percent and domestic passenger traffic fell substantially by 4.4 percent for the year ending March 2009.

8.2 Freight Traffic:

Total freight handled worldwide in March 2009 declined by 19 per cent compared to March 2008 with international freight fell drastically by 23 per cent and domestic freight dropped by 10 per cent. Decline in international freight was particularly significant indicating a collapse of global export trade. The first three months of 2009 show total freight declining by 20 per cent with international freight dropping by 24 per cent and domestic freight falling by 13 per cent.

Total freight handled worldwide during 12 months ending March 2009 fell by 9.3 percent compared to 12 months ending March 2008 with international freight down by 10.2 percent and domestic freight down by 7.5 percent.
