

1.0 TRAFFIC SUMMARY

During the month of September 2008, all operational airports (taken together) handled 102.73 thousand aircraft movements (excludes General Aviation Movements), 7.55 million passengers and 154.85 thousand tonnes of freight. The details are given in the table below.

TABLE-1.1: TOTAL TRAFFIC HANDLED IN SEPTEMBER 2008 AND APR – SEP 2008-09

Category	September 2008	September 2007	% Change
Aircraft Movement (in '000)			
International	21.91	19.60	11.8
Domestic	80.82	85.03	-4.9
Total	102.73	104.63	-1.8
General Aviation	16.68	14.85	12.3
Passengers (in million)			
International	2.35	2.22	6.1
Domestic	5.20	6.56	-20.7
Total	7.55	8.78	-14.0
Freight (in '000 tonnes)			
International	104.46	95.83	9.0
Domestic	50.39	48.55	3.8
Total	154.85	144.38	7.3
Category	Apr-Sep 2008-09	Apr-Sep 2007-08	% Change
Aircraft Movements (in '000)			
International	131.39	116.79	12.5
Domestic	528.03	509.43	3.7
Total	659.42	626.22	5.3
General Aviation	80.81	87.62	-7.8
Passengers (in million)			
International	15.26	13.94	9.5
Domestic	39.42	42.27	-6.7
Total	54.68	56.21	-2.7
Freight (in '000 tonnes)			
International	608.09	568.90	6.9
Domestic	281.46	275.71	2.1
Total	889.55	844.61	5.3

The above table reveals that the aircraft movements and passenger traffic have decreased by 1.8 per cent and 14.0 per cent respectively, whereas freight traffic has increased by 7.3 per cent during September 2008 over traffic handled during September 2007.

The detailed traffic analysis is given in the succeeding paragraphs.

2.0 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

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

2.1.1 TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

The total aircraft movements (International and Domestic) handled in September 2008 has registered a marginal decrease of 1.8 per cent as compared to the aircraft movement handled in September 2007 (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):

• Calicut	45.5	• Indore	31.5
• Cochin(CIAL)	7.2	• Raipur	12.2
• Lucknow	19.5	• Chandigarh	33.3
• Mangalore	44.0	• Bhopal	36.3
• Pune	9.4	• Visakhapatnam	65.5

2.1.2 INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:

The international aircraft movement has increased by 11.8 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	11.9	• Cochin(CIAL)	34.8
• Jaipur	40.8	• Bangalore(GHIAL)	15.8
• Calicut	49.7	• Mangalore	153.5
• Delhi(DIAL)	10.7	• Coimbatore	204.0

Phase-wise increase in frequency of flights by Air India Express at Mangalore airport since November 2007 is contributed to higher growth. Air Lanka, Silk Air and Air Arabia started operation at Coimbatore Airport from October 2007. 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 4.9 per cent during September 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):

• Calicut	21.6	• Indore	31.5
• Amritsar	13.4	• Visakhapatnam	65.5
• Tiruchirappalli	45.0	• Raipur	12.2
• Lucknow	25.5	• Chandigarh	32.6
• Mangalore	27.5	• Bhopal	36.3

Major airports have witnessed negative growth during September 2008 due to withdrawal of operation by some of the airlines.

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

• Goa	22.8	• Mumbai(MIAL)	11.5
• Ahmedabad	29.7	• Jaipur	28.7

2.1.4 MONTH-WISE A/C MOVEMENTS TREND:

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

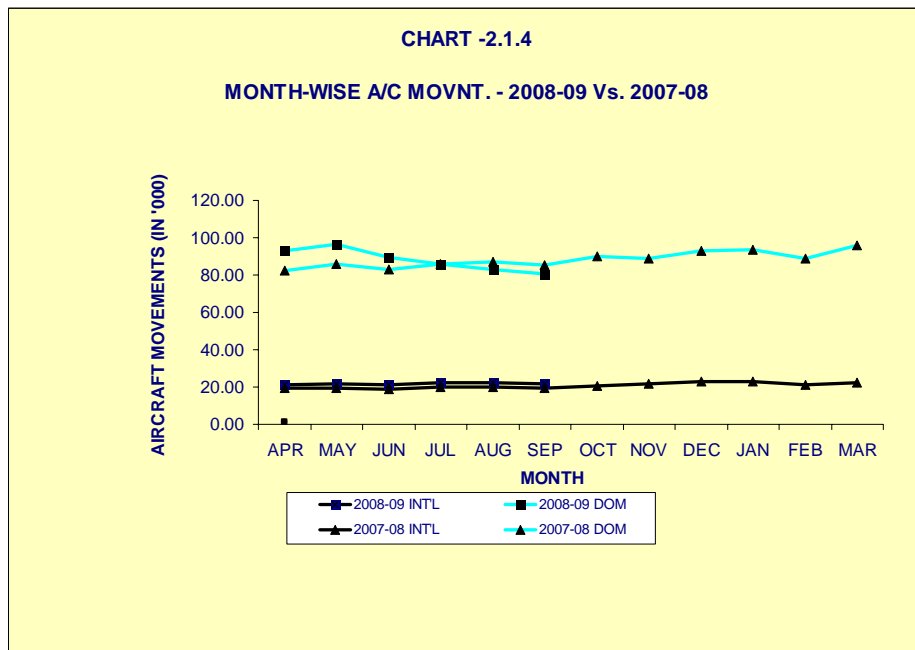
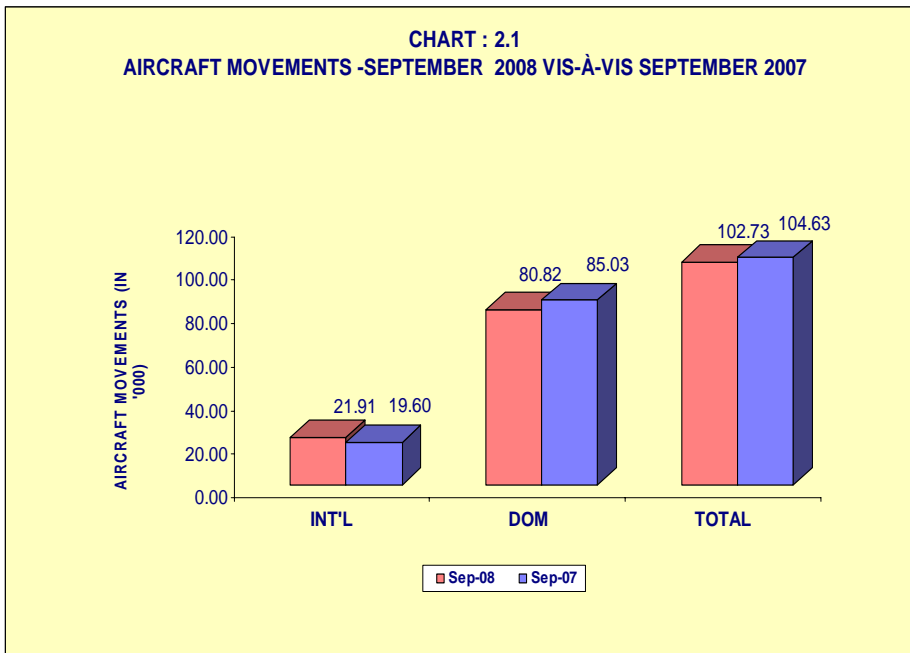


TABLE 2.1: TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT TRAFFIC TRENDS SEPTEMBER 2008 vis-à-vis SEPTEMBER 2007

(in '000)

Airport Category	September 2008	September 2007	% Change
Twelve International Airports	28.21	29.58	-4.7
Five JV Int'l Airports	53.14	55.21	-3.7
Eight Custom Airports	5.89	5.35	10.1
Twenty One Domestic Airports	11.90	11.24	5.9
Others Domestic Airports	3.59	3.25	10.6
Total	102.73	104.63	-1.8



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

2.2.1 TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS: -

The total aircraft movements have witnessed an increase of 5.3 per cent i.e., from 626.22 thousand movements to 659.41 thousand movements during the period April-September 2008-09 as compared to the aircraft movement handled during April-September 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 12.5 per cent during April-September 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	12.5	• Cochin (CIAL)	24.8
• Calicut	45.8	• Coimbatore	160.0
• Nagpur	54.1	• Mangalore	132.8
• Jaipur	42.6	• Lucknow	15.4

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 3.7 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):

• Calicut	56.1	• Indore	56.9
• Port Blair	16.0	• Visakhapatnam	61.5
• Amritsar	80.8	• Chandigarh	54.1
• Delhi(DIAL)	5.2	• Raipur	30.9
• Cochin(CIAL)	6.2	• Bagdogra	32.8
• Mangalore	39.6	• Bhopal	38.4
• Tiruchirappalli	48.1	• Ranchi	25.4

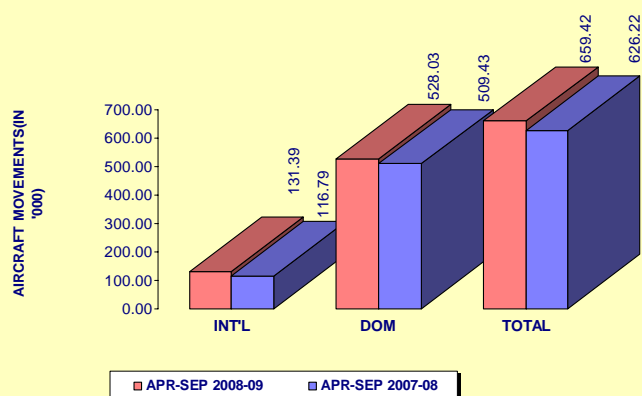
Most of the international airports have witnessed lower growth in aircraft movements due to withdrawal of operations / decrease in frequencies by some of the airlines since June 2008. The increase in price of air turbine fuel has forced the airline to withdraw / clubbing of flights in the domestic sectors.

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

(in '000)

Airport Category	Apr-Sep 2008-09	Apr-Sep 2007-08	% Change
Twelve International Airports	182.35	177.12	3.0
Five JV Int'l Airports	343.59	329.46	4.3
Eight Custom Airports	36.70	33.20	10.5
Twenty One Domestic Airports	75.24	66.66	12.9
Others Domestic Airports	21.54	19.78	8.9
Total	659.42	626.22	5.3

**CHART : 2.2
AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS - APR-SEP 2008-09 VIS-À-VIS APR-SEP 2007-08**



3.0 PASSENGERS TRAFFIC: -

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

3.1.1 TOTAL PASSENGERS TRAFFIC:

The total passenger traffic has registered a decrease of 14.0 per cent as compared to September 2007. 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	26.0	• Bhopal	14.4
• Lucknow	9.1	• Bagdogra	46.7
• Chandigarh	55.2	• Leh	12.6

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 an increase of 6.1 per cent during September 2008 as compared to passenger traffic handled in September 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):

• Chennai	11.8	• Cochin (CIAL)	18.5
• Trivandrum	12.2	• Bangalore(BIAL)	6.6
• Calicut	40.2	• Mangalore	7.4
• Goa	49.0	• Coimbatore	411.0

Remarkable increase at Coimbatore airport may be attributed to the introduction of operation by Air Arabia, Silk Air and Sri Lankan Airlines from October 2007.

3.1.3 DOMESTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The domestic passenger traffic in September 2008 has decreased to 5.20 million from 6.56 million in September 2007 registering a significant decrease of 20.7 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):

• Lucknow	12.5	• Bhopal	14.4
• Chandigarh	55.2	• Bagdogra	46.7

All the international airports have witnessed negative growth in domestic passengers due to lower seat load factor of the airlines during September 2008. The increase in price of air turbine fuel has forced the airlines to increase the air ticket fare in the domestic sectors.

3.1.4 MONTH-WISE PASSENGER TRAFFIC TREND:

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

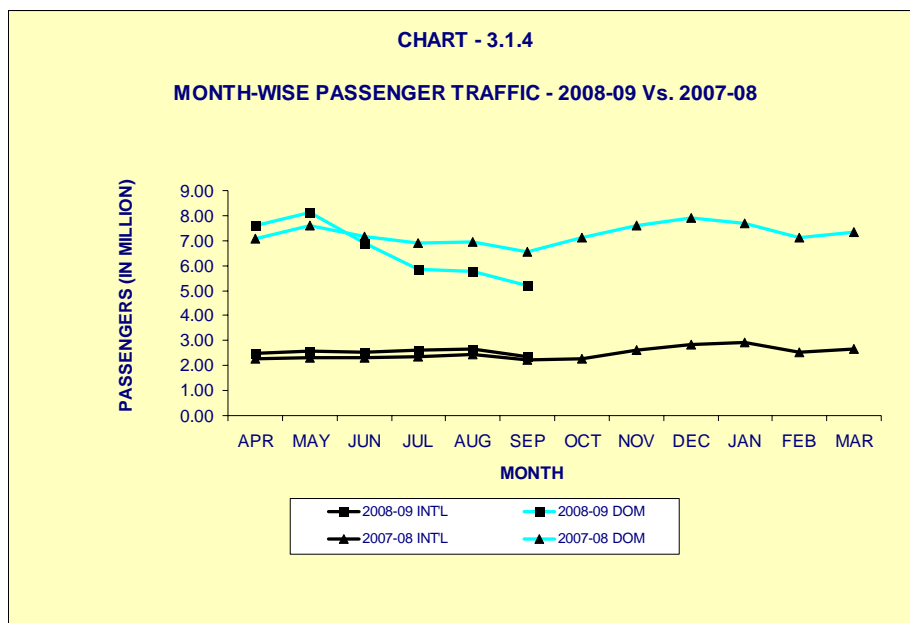
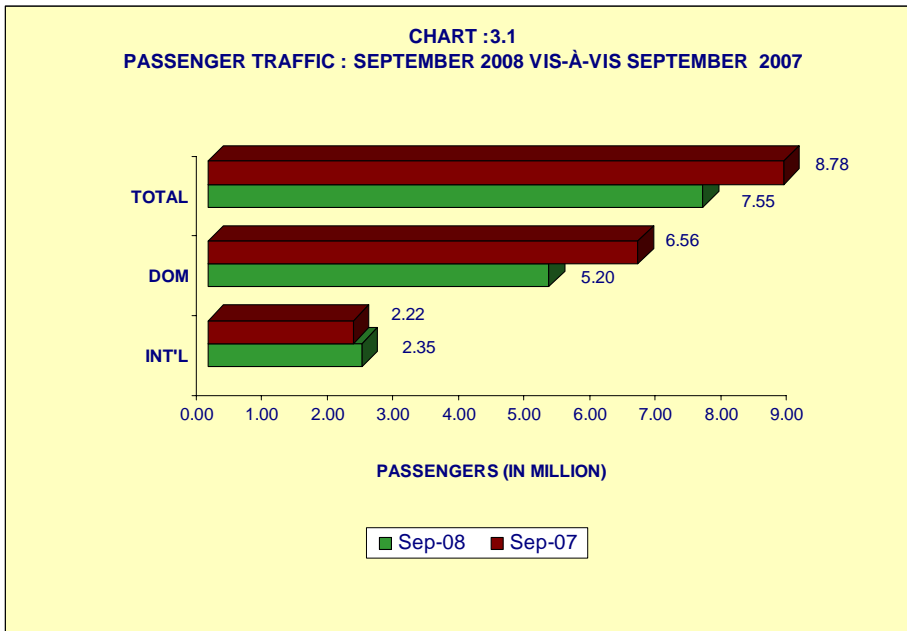


TABLE 3.1: TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC TRENDS- SEPTEMBER 2008 vis-à-vis SEPTEMBER 2007
(in million)

Airport Category	September 2008	September 2007	% Change
Twelve International Airports	2.05	2.45	-15.9
Five JV Int'l Airports	4.59	5.35	-14.3
Eight Custom Airports	0.37	0.39	-4.3
Twenty One Domestic Airports	0.45	0.50	-10.9
Others Domestic Airports	0.09	0.09	-1.3
Total	7.55	8.78	-14.0



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

3.2.1 TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The total passenger traffic handled during April–September 2008-09 have decreased to 54.68 million from 56.21 million, which has shown marginal downfall of 2.7 per cent as compared to the passenger handled during April–September 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 9.5 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	12.7	• Cochin (CIAL)	18.6
• Calicut	33.4	• Coimbatore	470.0
• Goa	11.2	• Mangalore	26.6
• Nagpur	31.6	• Tiruchirappalli	17.1

3.2.3 DOMESTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC:

The domestic passenger traffic has registered decrease of 6.7 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.

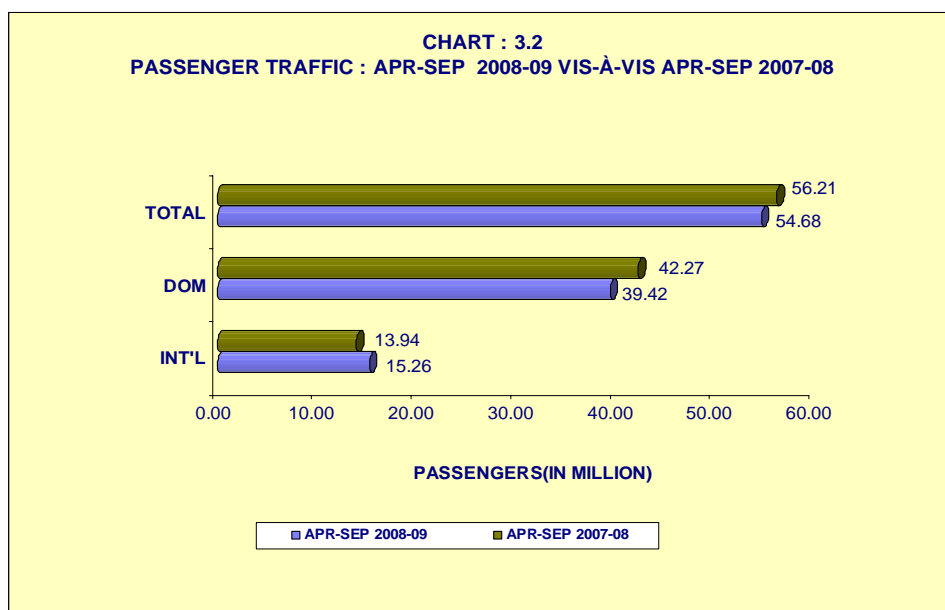
Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IIIB):

• Amritsar	24.9	• Indore	20.7
• Lucknow	20.5	• Visakhapatnam	27.6
• Bagdogra	16.2	• Bagdogra	16.2
• Bhubaneswar	8.4	• Chandigarh	91.3
• Leh	10.0	• Bhopal	18.6

TABLE 3.2: TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC TRENDS APR-SEP 2008-09 vis-à-vis APR-SEP 2007-08

(in million)

Airport Category	Apr-Sep 2008-09	Apr-Sep 2007-08	% Change
Twelve International Airports	15.13	15.94	-5.1
Five JV Int'l Airports	32.92	33.84	-2.7
Eight Custom Airports	2.69	2.61	2.8
Twenty One Domestic Airports	3.33	3.25	2.7
Others Domestic Airports	0.61	0.57	7.3
Total	54.68	56.21	-2.7



4.0 FREIGHT TRAFFIC

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

4.1.1 TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC: -

The total freight traffic (International and Domestic) handled has increased by 7.3 per cent as compared to the freight handled during September 2007. Most of the airports have registered moderate growth during September 2008. 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	16.8	• Pune	34.4
• Ahmedabad	8.7	• Lucknow	39.6
• Calicut	58.5	• Indore	21.8
• Port Blair	36.5	• Imphal	14.2
• Cochin(CIAL)	38.1	• Patna	34.7

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

• Guwahati	16.7	• Nagpur	26.4
• Goa	19.6	• Jaipur	20.2

4.1.2 INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The international freight traffic has registered an increase of 9.0 per cent during the month of September 2008 as compared to the traffic handled in September 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):

• Ahmedabad	101.6	• Cochin(CIAL)	39.4
• Calicut	65.5	• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	65.1

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

• Goa	82.6	• Tiruchirappalli	36.1
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4.1.3 DOMESTIC FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The domestic freight traffic has slightly increased to 50.39 thousand tonnes in September 2008 from 48.55 thousand tonnes freight handled in September 2007, which has shown increase of 3.8 per cent. Most of the airports have registered downfall in domestic freight handling during September 2008. 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	79.6	• Pune	34.4
• Port Blair	36.5	• Lucknow	48.0
• Srinagar	16.3	• Indore	21.8
• Cochin (CIAL)	33.9	• Imphal	14.2

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

• Ahmedabad	26.1	• Goa	15.0
• Guwahati	16.7	• Jaipur	25.0

4.1.4 MONTH-WISE FREIGHT TRAFFIC TREND:

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

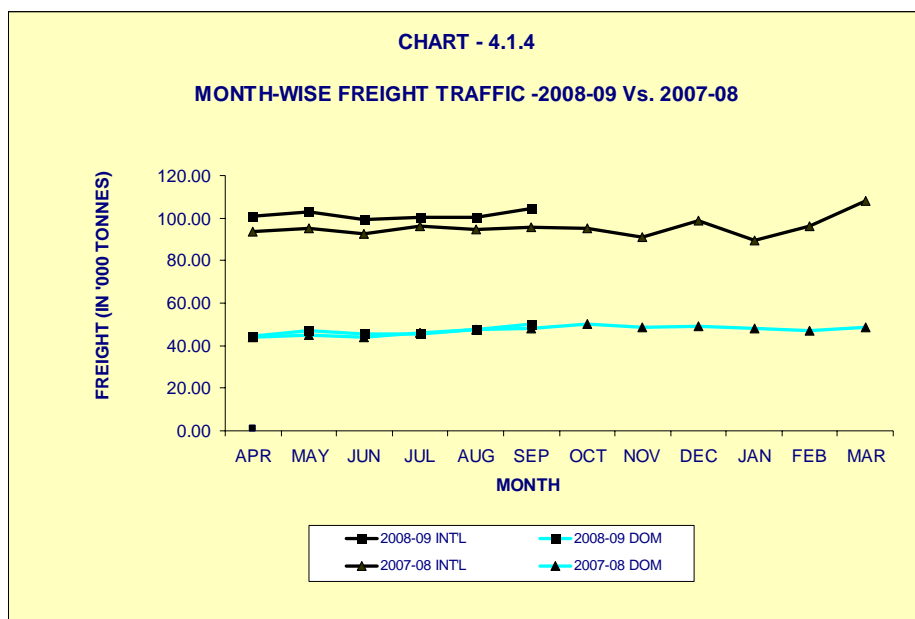
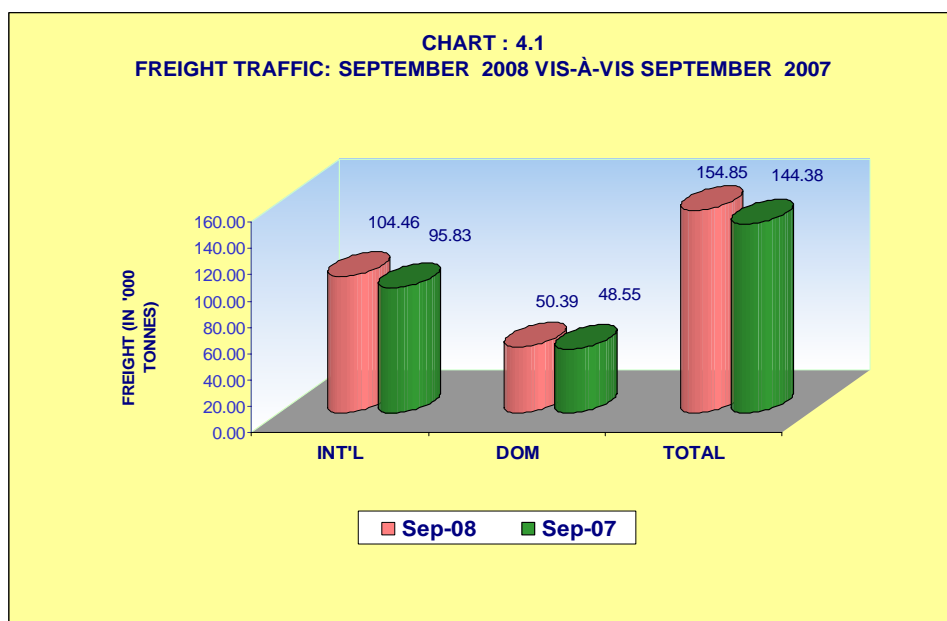


TABLE -4.1: TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC TRENDS – SEPTEMBER 2008 vis- à-vis SEPTEMBER 2007

(in '000 tonnes)

Airport Category	September 2008	September 2007	% Change
Twelve International Airports	42.14	37.42	12.6
Five JV Int'l Airports	107.98	102.42	5.4
Eight Custom Airports	2.35	1.94	20.7
Twenty One Domestic Airports	2.28	2.48	-8.1
Others Domestic Airports	0.10	0.12	-16.7
Total	154.85	144.38	7.3



4.2 TRAFFIC TREND: APR–SEP 2008-09 vis à-vis APR–SEP 2007-08

4.2.1 TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC: -

The total freight traffic has increased to 889.55 thousand tonnes from 844.61 thousand tonnes, which has registered an increase of 5.3 per cent during April – September 2008-09 as compared to freight traffic handled in April –September 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):

• Trivandrum	9.8	• Patna	41.9
• Calicut	23.4	• Bhubaneswar	13.2
• Port Blair	16.9	• Agartala	50.5
• Amritsar	60.1	• Indore	16.3
• Mumbai(MIAL)	7.9	• Visakhapatnam	134.8
• Delhi(DIAL)	6.2	• Bhopal	105.7
• Cochin (CIAL)	18.7	• Imphal	45.3
• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	11.8	• Chandigarh	45.5

4.2.2 INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The international freight traffic has increased by 6.9 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 –IVA.

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

• Ahmedabad	77.9	• Mumbai (MIAL)	10.6
• Trivandrum	10.1	• Hyderabad(GHIAL)	30.5
• Calicut	27.4	• Cochin (CIAL)	22.5
• Amritsar	20.4	• Coimbatore	16.8

4.2.3 DOMESTIC FREIGHT TRAFFIC:

The domestic freight traffic has shown an increase of 2.1 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 –IVB.

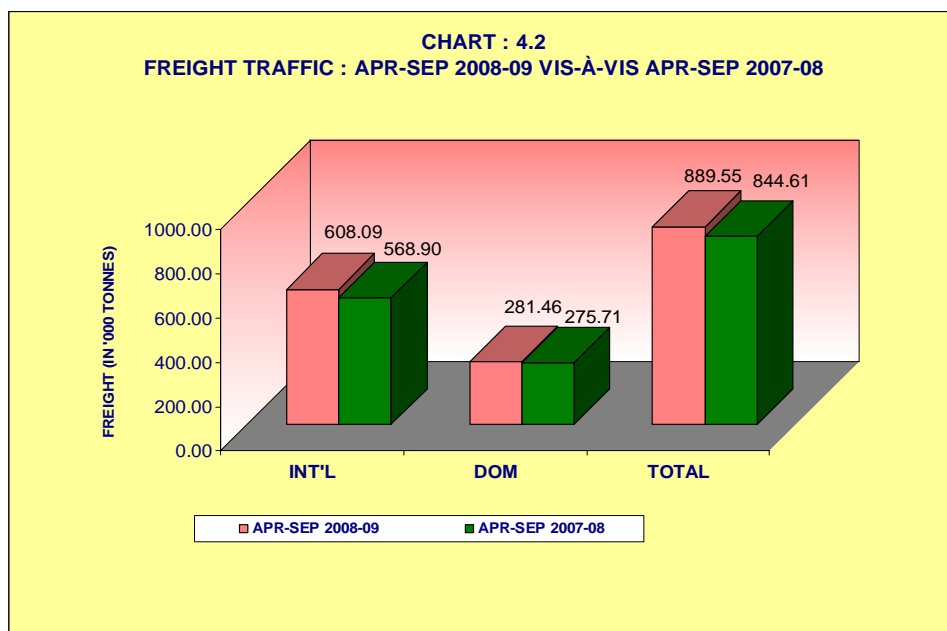
Major increases (in per cent) are at (Annexure-IVB):

• Jaipur	6.3	• Indore	16.3
• Port Blair	16.9	• Lucknow	14.8
• Delhi (DIAL)	9.2	• Pune	10.7
• Cochin (CIAL)	5.3	• Patna	41.9
• Bhubaneswar	13.2	• Agartala	50.5
• Bhopal	105.7	• Imphal	45.3

**TABLE 4.2: TOTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC TRENDS APR-SEP 2008-09
vis-à-vis APR-SEP 2007-08**

(in '000 tonnes)

Airport Category	Apr-Sep 2008-09	Apr-Sep 2007-08	% Change
Twelve International Airports	229.05	219.81	4.2
Five JV Int'l Airports	633.14	600.75	5.4
Eight Custom Airports	12.18	11.12	9.5
Twenty One Domestic Airports	14.57	12.29	18.6
Others Domestic Airports	0.61	0.64	-3.9
Total	889.55	844.61	5.3



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 SEPTEMBER 2008

(In Percentage Share)

AIRPORTS	AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS		
	IC, CD & AI	Private Airlines	
		Regular	Low cost
CHENNAI	12.6	74.8	12.6
KOLKATA*	19.3	60.6	20.1
AHMEDABAD	14.0	56.6	29.3
GOA	10.6	68.9	20.5
TRIVANDRUM	23.1	76.9	0.0
GUWAHATI	33.8	26.5	39.7
JAIPUR	24.4	49.7	25.9
CALICUT	28.0	72.0	0.0
NAGPUR	22.6	59.5	17.8
SRINAGAR	14.4	62.7	22.9
PORTBLAIR	69.6	10.0	20.4
AMRITSAR	19.3	77.0	3.7
MUMBAI (MIAL)	17.3	59.1	23.7

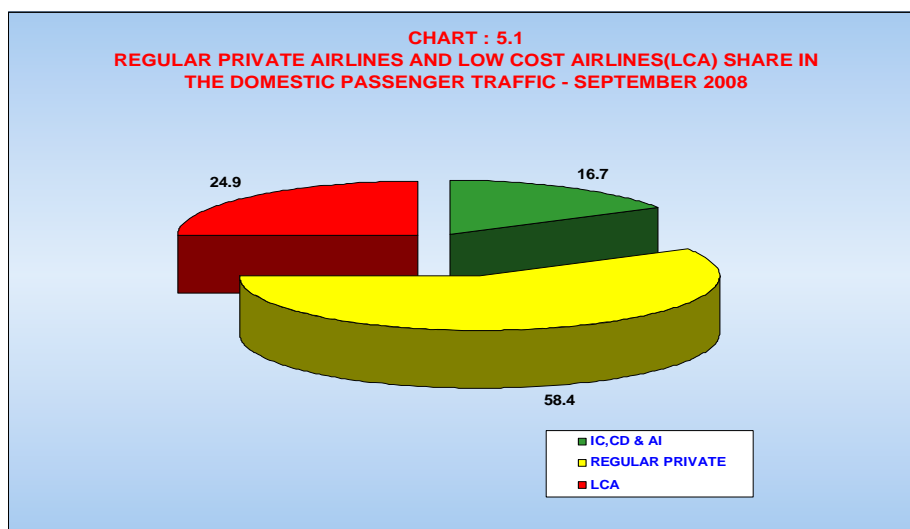
DELHI (DIAL)	20.7	51.1	28.2
BANGALORE (BIAL)	8.7	79.2	12.1
HYDERABAD (GHIAL)	13.1	68.2	18.7
COCHIN(CIAL)	10.3	81.5	8.2
TOTAL	17.1	62.0	20.8
AIRPORTS	PASSENGERS		
	IC, CD &AI	Private Airlines	
		Regular	Low cost
CHENNAI	15.3	69.5	15.2
KOLKATA*	21.2	50.1	28.7
AHMEDABAD	12.3	49.1	38.6
GOA	13.6	62.0	24.3
TRIVANDRUM	30.7	69.3	0.0
GUWAHATI	14.8	40.8	44.4
JAIPUR	18.1	39.4	42.5
CALICUT	79.7	20.3	0.0
NAGPUR	32.8	44.5	22.7
SRINAGAR	9.4	67.4	23.1
PORTBLAIR	31.1	14.6	54.2
AMRITSAR	23.4	74.4	2.1
MUMBAI (MIAL)	18.1	57.5	24.4
DELHI (DIAL)	19.4	49.9	30.7
BANGALORE (BIAL)	6.7	75.3	18.0
HYDERABAD (GHIAL)	15.2	64.0	20.8
COCHIN(CIAL)	15.2	64.0	20.8
TOTAL	16.7	58.4	24.9
AIRPORTS	FREIGHT		
	IC, CD &AI	Private Airlines	
		Regular	Low cost
CHENNAI	21.0	65.1	13.9
KOLKATA*	31.6	68.4	0.0
AHMEDABAD	26.0	74.0	0.0
GOA	35.1	64.9	0.0
TRIVANDRUM	7.3	92.7	0.0
GUWAHATI	98.7	1.3	0.0
JAIPUR	55.6	44.4	0.0
CALICUT	71.9	28.1	0.0
NAGPUR	59.1	33.9	7.1
SRINAGAR	54.1	45.9	0.0
PORTBLAIR	55.1	1.1	43.9
AMRITSAR	50.0	50.0	0.0
MUMBAI (MIAL)	23.1	72.5	4.4
DELHI (DIAL)	22.9	62.6	14.5
BANGALORE (BIAL) *	12.0	77.7	10.3
HYDERABAD (GHIAL)	32.2	51.3	16.6
COCHIN(CIAL)	32.2	51.3	16.6
TOTAL	23.6	67.4	9.1

* 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 82.9%, 83.3% and 76.4% in aircraft movement, passenger and freight traffic respectively during September 2008. The overall share of private airlines for the month of September 2008 was 83.3 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 September 2008 was declined to 24.9 per cent in the domestic passengers' traffic compared to 37.3 per

cent in September 2007. The detailed Airport-wise percentage share of private airlines in domestic traffic is given in the table 5.1.



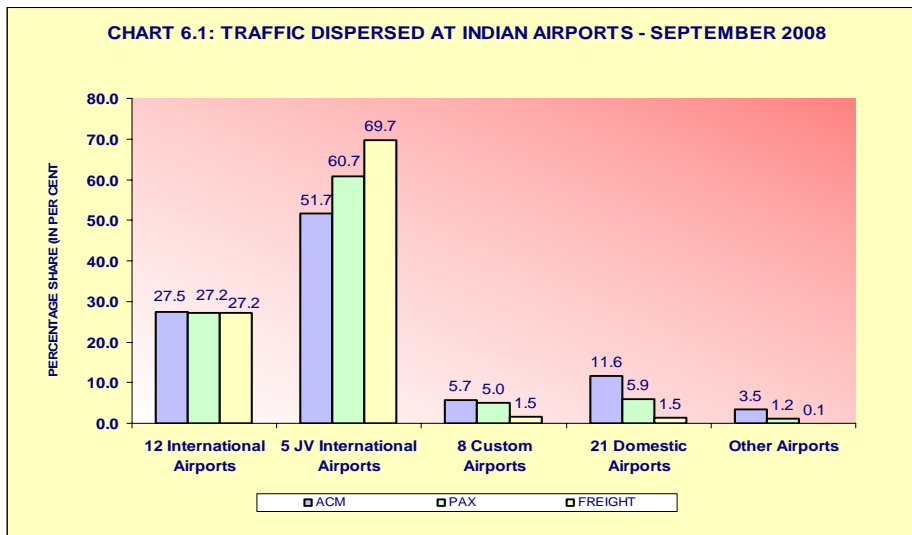
6.0 AIRPORT CATEGORY WISE TRAFFIC SHARE:

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

AIRPORT CATEGORY	AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS	
	SEPTEMBER 2008	SEPTEMBER 2007
Twelve International Airports	27.46	28.27
Five JV Int'l Airports	51.73	52.77
Eight Custom Airports	5.74	5.12
Twenty One Domestic Airports	11.58	10.74
Others Domestic Airports	3.50	3.10
Total	100.00	100.00
AIRPORT CATEGORY	PASSENGERS	
	SEPTEMBER 2008	SEPTEMBER 2007
Twelve International Airports	27.20	27.82
Five JV Int'l Airports	60.72	60.95
Eight Custom Airports	4.95	4.45
Twenty One Domestic Airports	5.93	5.72
Others Domestic Airports	1.20	1.05
Total	100.00	100.00
AIRPORT CATEGORY	FREIGHT	
	SEPTEMBER 2008	SEPTEMBER 2007
Twelve International Airports	27.21	25.91
Five JV Int'l Airports	69.73	70.94
Eight Custom Airports	1.52	1.35
Twenty One Domestic Airports	1.47	1.72

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 September 2008. The table 6.1 shows that seventeen international airports has major share in the country's air traffic i.e. 79.2 per cent, 87.9 per cent and 96.9 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 (4.5%) followed by Southern Region (2.0%) during the reporting month September 2008. All the regions witnessed negative growth ranging between 0.3 to 23 per cent in total passengers during September 2008 compared to September 2007. Southern Region has witnessed highest growth of 10.4 per cent in total freight handling and followed by Northern Region (7.0%) during September 2008 over September 2007. Category wise & Region wise trends in traffic during September 2008 and for the period April–September 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 shares in total Aircraft Movement (35.1%) and Passenger traffic (33.5%) followed by Western Region during September 2008. Western Region has the highest percentage (34.0%) share in total Freight traffic followed by Southern Region (32.8%) during the same period. Category wise and Region wise share in traffic during September 2008 and for the period April–September 2008-09 vis-à-vis 2007-08 September be visualized in the annexure–V.
