

AIR TRANSPORT TODAY. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

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Today air transport is the youngest and fastest mode of transport. The main sphere of application of air transport is passenger transportation at distances over thousand of kilometers. Transportation of materials, finished products is also carried out. In general, air transport carries perishable goods and especially valuable cargoes, as well as mail. In such cases, when there is no airfield at the landing site, it is not helicopters that use airplanes, but helicopters that do not need a runway. Today, without it, international trade and cooperation can not be imagined. Air transport is capable of carrying more than 30 million tons of goods.

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The following are the main advantages:

1. High Speed:

It is the fast speed means of transport. Passengers and goods can be transported easily from one place to the other one.

2. Minimum Cost:

Unlike railways and road transport, there is no need to spend money on the construction of any track or road, only airports have to be constructed.

3. Strategic Importance:

An airway has great strategic importance. It can be used for internal and external security.

4. Easy transport of costly and light goods:

It is quite convenient to send costly, light and perishable goods through air transport.

5. Free from physical barriers:

Air transport is free from physical barriers like river, mountains and valleys, etc.

6. Useful for agriculture:

Air transport is useful for aerial spray on pests and insects which cause harm to crops.

7. Useful in natural calamities:

During various natural disasters air transport is used for rescue operations.

The following are the disadvantages:

1. High costs:

Air transport is a costly service. Its operational costs are too high. Middle class and poor people cannot afford its cash.

2. More risks:

Air transport is prone to accidents. A small mistake can be very dangerous for passengers. Hijacking of planes is easily possible.

3. Huge Investments:

For creating aviation facilities, huge investments are required. The cost of aero planes, construction and maintenance of aerodromes and control mechanism needs a capital expenditure.

In this regard, it could be concluded that air transport has pros as well as cons. It is the fastest mode of transport, but cost of its operation is very high and thus it is suitable for only rich passengers, mails and light and costly cargo. However, in advanced countries it offers a tough competition to the railways. In general, everyone chooses what is convenient and safe.

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