

scheme, airlines assess demand and nature of supply required on particular route and based on their analysis participate in the bidding process to be conducted from time to time for operations under UDAN, including in Chhattisgarh.

**Air services from Chakulia airport**

967. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the airport at Chakulia, 70 kilometers from Jamshedpur is non-operational; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to make it operational again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 for providing connectivity to unserved and under-served airports in the country. The Scheme is 'demand driven'. Chakulia airport (Jharkhand) has been included in the list of under-served airports under RCS. However, no bid has yet been received to operationalise Chakulia Airport under RCS. Further, the State Government has taken steps and formed a Joint Venture with Airports Authority of India to develop Dhalbhumgarh Airport which is located at a distance of 20 Kilometer from Chakulia.

**Delayed flights of Air India**

†968. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights of Air India delayed by one hour or more than that in 2018-19;

(b) the financial burden caused on Air India due to this;

(c) the root cause of these delays; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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