

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 163

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd February 2021

UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS IN CHHATTISGARH

163. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government had identified Jagdalpur, Ambikapur and Bilaspur airports for upgradation/development and funds were also sanctioned for the purpose during 2020-2021;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) what is the current status of work at respective sites; and**
- (d) how much time it would take to complete the upgradation and development of these airports?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

(a) and (b): Airports Authority of India, the implementing agency awarded 08 number of routes involving Airports namely Jagdalpur, Ambikapur and Bilaspur in the first round of bidding under UDAN in the State of Chattisgarh. Accordingly, up-gradation/development of these identified UDAN Airports in the state of Chhattisgarh was undertaken for operations of RCS flights. Subsequently, the implementing agency cancelled the UDAN routes due to non-compliance of SAO Agreement by the Selected Airline Operator. However, routes connecting Jagdalpur with Raipur, Bhubaneswar, Vishakhapatnam and Hyderabad were awarded in third round of bidding under UDAN.

(c) and (d): Jagdalpur Airport has been operationalized under UDAN scheme. Bilaspur Airport License is upgraded to 3C Visual Flight Rules (VFR). Ambikapur Airport is State Government Airport and the

**Airport operator is required to obtain its license from the regulator,
Directorate General of Civil Aviation after completion of the work.**
