

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 177
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd February 2021)

PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP THE RASGOVINDPUR AIRSTRIP

177. **SHRI SUJEET KUMAR**
SHRIMATI MAMATA MOHANTA

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal or will consider the demand to develop the Rasgovindpur airstrip in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha which has historical importance, into an airport in North Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with the proposal of developing this airstrip which is lying unused for a long time; and
- (c) if not, whether the Ministry has taken up this issue with the Defence Ministry to consider this proposal of developing Rasgovindpur airstrip into airport?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): No such proposal to develop the Rasgovindpur airstrip in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha into an airport is under consideration at present. However, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) in 2016 for promotion of Regional Connectivity by way of revival of un-served and under-served airports/airstrips in the country which include Rasgovindpur (Amarda) airstrip as well. The expansion of airports under the scheme is 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions. So far, no bids have been received from airlines to provide connectivity from this airstrip.

(c): Does not arise, as there is no proposal to develop the Rasgovindpur airstrip in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha into an airport.
