

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 803
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th December 2021)**

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AIR STRIPS/AIRPORTS IN ODISHA

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

the details of development work being undertaken in Odisha for new air strips/airports?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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Airports Authority of India (AAI) owns two airports namely Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda in the State of Odisha.

Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity to currently underserved and unserved airports. Under the Scheme, five airports in Odisha, namely, Jharsuguda, Jeypore, Utkela, Rourkela & Rangeilunda have been identified for development and operations of flights based on the bids received from selected airline operators. Jharsuguda Airport has been operationalized under the Scheme. Additionally, Amarda Road airstrip has received the bids under UDAN 4.1. UDAN is a market driven scheme and upgradation/operationalization of the Airports are undertaken as per the scheme guidelines. Apart from already identified airports, the unserved airports at Angul, Barbil, Birasal, Gudari, Hirakund, Jayakpur, Lanjigarh, Nawapara, Padampur, Rairangpur, Raisuan, Sukinda, Theruboli and Tushra in Odisha are included in the RCS Document.

On the request of State Government of Odisha, a multi-disciplinary Team from AAI visited Puri in June, 2021 for conducting pre-feasibility study of the site identified by the State Government for establishment of a Greenfield Airport. The report of the visit by the Team has been sent to the Government of Odisha on 5 August, 2021. The responsibility of implementation of airport project, including necessary approvals from Government of India, rests with the concerned project proponent i.e. the State Government. So far, no proposal in the prescribed

proforma for establishment of a Greenfield Airport at Puri has been received by Ministry of Civil Aviation.
