

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1296

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th March 2022

STATUS OF UTKELA AND JEYPORE AIRSTRIPS

1296. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR

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

(a) the current status of the Utkela and Jeypore airstrips in Odisha under the UDAN scheme; and

(b) the timeline for starting operations at Utkela and Jeypore airstrips?

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(a) to (b) : Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), routes from Jeypore and Utkela were awarded in March, 2017 to Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) for operation of UDAN flights. Subsequently, the awarded UDAN routes were cancelled due to non-compliance with provisions of the contractual agreement by the Selected Airline Operator(s). Routes from Jeypore and Utkela were again awarded in October, 2021 to SAOs for operation of UDAN flights under special round of bidding UDAN 4.1. Selected Airline Operators are required to commence operations within 6 months of issuance of their Letter of Award or within 2 months from the date the airport gets ready, unless any extension is granted by Airports Authority of India, the Implementing Agency.
