

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2406  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022)**

**NATIONAL AIR SPORTS POLICY**

2406. SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE PILLI

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

- (a) whether Government has identified places to promote air sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has allocated any funds for promotion of air sports at Uyyalawada Narasimha Reddy Airport in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) and (b) India has high potential for air sports due to its large geographic expanse, diverse topography and different climatic zones. While the Government has not identified any specific location, few air sports hubs in the country include:

- i) Bir Billing (Himachal Pradesh) - Paragliding
- ii) Pushkar (Rajasthan) - Hot air ballooning
- iii) Kangra valley (Himachal Pradesh) - Hang gliding
- iv) Pune/Mumbai (Maharashtra) - Paramotoring
- v) Mysore (Karnataka), Narnaul (Haryana), Pondicherry, Dessa (Gujarat) Dhana (Madhya Pradesh) - Skydiving.

(c) and (d) The National Air Sports Policy (NASP 2022) permits financial support from the Government for promotion of air sports through a duly established Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI). The purposes include partial or full funding of promotional events, infrastructure development, participation in global events and training etc.

As on date, the Government has not allocated funds to any entity for promotion of air sports.

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