

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 33
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th December 2023)**

UPGRADATION OF THE ROURKELA AIRPORT IN ODISHA

33. DR. AMAR PATNAIK

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to upgrade the Rourkela airport in Odisha and provide assistance towards equipping the Rourkela airport with all-weather operations
- (b) if so, details of the development thereof, if not, reasons therefor
- (c) whether Government has taken measures towards the launching of flight operations on the Rourkela-Kolkata route and
- (d) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor and by when Government plans to launch the flight operations on the stated route?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (d) : During the 1st round of bidding under UDAN(Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), Rourkela Airport was identified for development. Rourkela airport has been developed with a cost of Rs.53.63 Crore.

M/s Alliance Air commenced RCS flights operations between Rourkela and Bhubaneswar on 07.01.2023.

Under UDAN 4.2 round of bidding, Rourkela-Kolkata-Rourkela routes were awarded to Flybig for operation of flights with 19-seater type of aircraft. Due to Aircraft availability constraints, the Operator is yet to commence the said route.
