

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 643
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29th July 2024)**

AIRPORTS AT JAMSHEDPUR AND DHANBAD

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to build airports in Jamshedpur and Dhanbad, the two major industrial and coalfields of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether it is a fact that not only Dhanbad and Jamshedpur but the entire State of Jharkhand is a major mineral rich area of the country and there are many mines of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) there; and
- (d) the reasons for not constructing airports at these places despite these facts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any Airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. Government of India (GoI) has not received any proposal for 'Site Clearance' under Greenfield Airports Policy either from State Government of Jharkhand or any Airport Developer for construction of a Greenfield Airport at Jamshedpur and Dhanbad in the State of Jharkhand.

Further, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme, (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik), which is a demand driven scheme to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. The existing Jamshedpur and Dhanbad Airports are listed in the list of unserved airports in UDAN Document.

Jamshedpur Airport is owned by M/s Tata Steel Limited. Jamshedpur airport was

identified for the operation of RCS flights. RCS flights between Jamshedpur & Kolkata has already commenced on 31.01.2023 by IndiaOne Air.

Under UDAN 5.2, for small aircraft (less than 20-seaters), bid has been received for Dhanbad airport in Jharkhand. The State Government of Jharkhand was requested to provide their consent and confirmation regarding the availability of land for the operation of small aircraft (2B) and for future expansion to category 3C. However, the State Government of Jharkhand has not given consent to develop the Dhanbad airport due to land constraints.
