

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1445
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th August 2024)**

EXPANSION OF GAUCHAR AIRSTRIP

1445. SHRI MAHENDRA BHATT

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand the airstrip of Gauchar in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a)&(b): Gauchar airstrip belonging to the State Government of Uttarakhand is available in the list of unserved airstrips of the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN). Revival / up-gradation of unserved and underserved airports under the scheme is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO). No bid has been received for fixed wing operations on routes connecting Gauchar. However, Gauchar was identified for development and operation of helicopter operations under the UDAN scheme. An expenditure of Rs. 4.36 crores has so far been incurred for development of Gauchar heliport. Non-Scheduled Helicopter Operations (NSOP) from Gauchar under RCS-UDAN are presently in operation.
