

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 970  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018)

**UPGRADATION OF AIRSTRIPS IN SIDHI, SINGRAULI AND SHAHBAD  
DISTRICTS IN MADHYA PRADESH**

970. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH

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

- (a) whether a scheme to upgrade and construct airstrips in Sidhi, Singrauli and Shahbad districts in Madhya Pradesh is in operation;
- (b) if so, by when work on airstrips would be started; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): Sidhi Airstrip is available in Regional Connectivity Scheme - UDAN version 3.0. However, the revival of airstrips/airports is demand driven, depending upon the firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions as airports will be developed without insisting on its financial viability whereas, 'Site Clearance' was granted by Government of India for setting up of Greenfield Airport at Singrauli on 05.09.2017. Any new Greenfield Airport requires two stage clearances i.e. 'Site Clearance' and 'in-principle' approval. In case of proposed airport at Singrauli, the site clearance has been granted and further development would depend on preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), its economic viability and financial closure subject to the 'in-principle' approval. Further, no proposal regarding upgradation/construction of airstrip at Shahbad is pending in this Ministry.

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