

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 504
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th December 2022)

AIRPORTS IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA

504. SHRI JAGGESH

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

- (a) the number of airports under Airports Authority of India (AAI) in Karnataka and status of their present capacity and details of action plans for their expansion;
- (b) the places to which air services would commence under trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among the Ministry, AAI and Government of Karnataka and the time frame for their commencement;
- (c) the number of greenfield airports in Karnataka State which have received in-principle approval from Government; and
- (d) the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Airports Authority of India (AAI) operates four (04) airports, viz., Belagavi (0.5 MPPA), Hubballi (0.5 MPPA), Kalaburgi (0.2 MPPA) and Mysuru (0.2 MPPA) in the State of Karnataka. The upgradation/modernisation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by AAI from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand/willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports etc.

(b): As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) executed between Government of Karnataka, AAI and Ministry of Civil Aviation on 20.04.2017, under Regional Connectivity Scheme, nine (09) underserved & unserved airports namely Bidar, Mysore, Vidyanagar, Baldota/Koppal (now dropped), Hubballi, Kalaburagi, Belgavi, Shivamogga and Vijayapura airports have been identified in Karnataka for the operation of flights under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN). Bidar, Mysore, Vidyanagar, Hubballi Belgavi airports have been operationalised under the RCS and Kalaburagi airport has been operationlised as a greenfield Airport.

Baldota/ Koppal airport has been dropped from the list as the MoU between Government of Karnataka and MSPL Limited could not attain conclusiveness.

Shivamogga and Vijayapura Greenfield airports are under development by State Government of Karnataka.

UDAN is a demand-driven scheme, wherein airline operators assess the feasibility of operation on a particular route and bid under the scheme from time to time. Selection of airlines is done through a transparent bidding process. As per provisions in UDAN Scheme, revival / upgradation of unserved & underserved airports shall be done on its identification through valid bid & award to the SAO (Selected Airline Operator). In future rounds of bidding, if any airline bids for connecting the above mentioned airports, the same will be considered for the award as per RCS-UDAN provisions.

(c) & (d): There are four (04) greenfield airports in the State of Karnataka, namely Bijapur Airport, Hassan Airport, Shivamogga Airport and Kalaburgi (Gulbarga) Airport, which have received In-Principle approval from Government of India. Kalaburagi airport has already been operationalised in November, 2019.
