

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 346
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th February 2023)**

UDAN SCHEME IN TELANGANA

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

- a) the details with respect to the development of aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in Tier II and Tier III cities in the State of Telangana;
- (b) whether Government plans to develop greenfield airports at Jakranpally, Palvancha, and Mahabubnagar;
- (c) if so, the timeline for the completion of such projects, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government plans to develop brownfield airports at Mamnoor, Basanth Nagar, and Adilabad; and
- (e) if so, the timeline for the completion of such projects, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity including in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, and making air travel affordable to the masses.

Under the UDAN scheme, Nagarjuna Sagar water aerodromes in Telangana has been identified for the operation of RCS flights. Pre-feasibility study of Nagarjuna Sagar has been completed and land for the same is to be acquired by the State Government.

Further, Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency has awarded 66 UDAN routes in the State of Telangana so far under the concluded bidding rounds, out of which 42 routes have been operationalised.

(b) to (e): The Government of Telangana has proposed to take up development of three Greenfield Airports at

(i) Jakaranpally, Nizamabad District (ii) Palvancha, Bhadadri Kothagudem District, (iii) Devarakadra, Mahabubnagar District and three Brownfield Airports at (iv) Mamnoor, Warangal District (v) Basanth Nagar, Peddapally District & (vi) Adilabad in Adilabad District and has appointed Airports Authority of India (AAI) for conducting Techno-Economic Feasibility Studies (TEFS) for these six (6) airports. AAI has submitted the

TEFS report for all the above six airports to the State Government. Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) survey, soil testing, etc. at all the above sites were conducted and reports were submitted by AAI to the State Government on 06.07.2021.

As per the Study, only 03 locations i.e. Warangal (Brownfield), Adilabad (Brownfield) and Jakranpally (Greenfield) are technically feasible. AAI has requested Government of Telangana to develop and commission the feasible sites of three airports for private operations of small aircraft to avoid immediate requirement of land acquisition. Accordingly, Master Plans for Warangal, Adilabad and Jakranpally (which were earlier prepared for operations of ATR-72 in Phase-I and AB-320 in Phase-2) were re-worked and toned down for development of these three airports for Aerodrome Reference Code-2B to cater for operation of general aviation aircraft.

AAI has advised Government of Telangana to carry out fresh OLS survey (for identification of actual physical obstacles as on date) upon taking up the development of these 3 airports for which approvals are required to be obtained from Ministry of Civil Aviation and other Regulatory/ Statutory Authorities. The timeline for completion of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure by the project proponent i.e. the State Government of Telangana.
