

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1148**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023)

**UTILIZATION OF KESHOD AIRPORT**

1148. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI

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

- (a) the details of the overall response and utilization of Keshod airport in the period after its revival/re-opening;
- (b) the number of commercial flights and chartered flights (if any) which used Keshod airport during the same period;
- (c) whether any operational difficulties were noticed by the pilot(s) or the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) or the Airports Authority of India (AAI), if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the runway at Keshod airport is extendable to facilitate landing/taking off by the bigger Boeing type aircrafts, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a): Keshod airport was identified in the 2nd round of bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme(RCS)-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) for developing and operation of flights under the Scheme. RCS flights between Keshod and Mumbai commenced on 16.04.2022 by M/s Alliance Air with ATR-72 type of aircraft.

The passenger handling capacity at Keshod airport is 0.03 million passengers per annum. During 2022-23, a total number of 13,324 passengers were handled at the airport.

(b): During 2022-23, a total number of 361 aircraft movements (Scheduled-232, Non-Scheduled-129) were handled at Keshod airport.

(c): No operational difficulties were noted by Pilots, Air Traffic Controller (ATC) or Airports Authority of India (AAI).

(d): An additional 205 acres of land is required for extension of the airport to handle A320 / B737 type of Aircraft..

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