

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO : 79**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

**FIRST ATR-72 FLIGHT FROM DR. BHIM RAO AMBEDKAR AIRSTRIP,  
MEERUT**

\*79. DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE

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

- (a) whether any plan is under consideration to fly first ATR -72 from the Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Airport, Meerut; and
- (b) if so, the nature of the plan and by when the flight would be made operational?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 79  
REGARDING "FIRST ATR-72 FLIGHT FROM DR. BHIM RAO AMBEDKAR  
AIRSTRIP, MEERUT" TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023

(a) & (b): Meerut is an unlicensed airport and was identified during 3rd round of bidding under the UDAN scheme for development and to operate RCS flights.

Under UDAN 4.2 round of bidding, the route Meerut-Lucknow-Meerut has been awarded to FlyBig for the operation of RCS flights with 19-seater type of aircraft and frequency of 133 seats per week and not for ATR 72. Only after the airport is ready and licensed, the Selected Airlines Operator can start operating RCS flights from the Meerut airport.

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