

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th December 2023)

CURRENT STATUS OF RASGOVINDPUR AIRPORT IN ODISHA

1. SMT MAMATA MOHANTA

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal or will consider the demand to develop Rasgovindpur airstrip in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha, into an airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with proposal of developing this airstrip which is lying unused for a long time;
- (c) whether Government has taken up this issue with the Ministry of Defence;
- (d) whether a No Objection Certificate (NOC) request is pending with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to start air services from Rasgovindpur Airport under the UDAN scheme;
- (e) if so, present status thereof; and
- (f) by when Government would start commercial air services from this airport?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b): Amarda Airstrip in Rasgovindpur Taluka of Mayurbhanj district has been identified for development under the 'Revival and development of unserved airports, heliports and water aerodromes' scheme of Government of India.

(c) to (f): Amarda (Rasgovindpur) Airstrip is owned by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Ministry of Defence has granted working permission to Government of Odisha for development of Amarda airstrip and the State Government has deposited Rs. 26.04 Crores for the same, on land measuring 160.35 acres. An amount of Rs. 45 Crores has been sanctioned under the 10th Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) for the development of Amarda Airport under Phase II of the Scheme for revival of unserved and underserved airports in the country. Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) Survey has been completed and Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted to the State Government to take up the work. During Round 4.2 of bidding under UDAN, RCS routes Bhubaneswar-Amarda-Bhubaneswar was awarded to Air Taxi with 09- seater

type of aircraft. On readiness of the airport, the Selected Airline Operators may start the flights.
