

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 11
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th December 2023)

AMARDA ROAD AIRSTRIP IN MAYURBHANJ DISTRICT, ODISHA

11. DR. PRASHANTA NANDA

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

- (a) details of Government initiative to upgrade Amarda Road airstrip in Mayurbhanj district to be an operational airport;
- (b) present status of upgradation process;
- (c) whether under UDAN 4.2, operation of RCS flights has been identified from this airport;
- (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) target date to start flight 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 (e): 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, for 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 to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity. OLS Survey has been completed and Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted to the State Government to take up the work. Under Round 4.2 of bidding under UDAN, RCS routes namely 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 RCS flights from Amarda to Bhubaneswar.
