

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 33**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

**UPGRADATION OF THE ROURKELA AIRPORT IN ODISHA**

33. DR. AMAR PATNAIK

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to upgrade the Rourkela airport in Odisha and provide assistance towards equipping the Rourkela airport with all-weather operations
- (b) if so, details of the development thereof, if not, reasons therefor
- (c) whether Government has taken measures towards the launching of flight operations on the Rourkela-Kolkata route and
- (d) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor and by when Government plans to launch the flight operations on the stated route?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (d) : During the 1st round of bidding under UDAN(Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), Rourkela Airport was identified for development. Rourkela airport has been developed with a cost of Rs.53.63 Crore.

M/s Alliance Air commenced RCS flights operations between Rourkela and Bhubaneswar on 07.01.2023.

Under UDAN 4.2 round of bidding, Rourkela-Kolkata-Rourkela routes were awarded to Flybig for operation of flights with 19-seater type of aircraft. Due to Aircraft availability constraints, the Operator is yet to commence the said route.

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