

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 11
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd July 2024)**

AIRPORT AT SHAHDOL, MADHYA PRADESH

11. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA

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

(a) the steps taken so far for establishment of a proper Airport/Airstrip at Shahdol, a divisional headquarter in Madhya Pradesh as it is a hub of coal production Power Plants and Amarkantak a religious and tourist destination is also situated there and has a sizable tribal population, thus bearing immense potential for air traffic, for the reasons stated above;

(b) whether Government has any plan to establish an airport at Shahdol, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Shahdol airstrip in Madhya Pradesh is State Government owned airport and is included in the list of tentative unserved airports under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik(UDAN) Scheme. As per the provisions of the Scheme, revival / up-gradation of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator. Development / Expansion of the airstrip under UDAN 5.2 is under consideration of the State Government.
