

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1136
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th March 2025)**

DAGADARTHI GREENFIELD AIRPORT IN SPS NELLORE

1136. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA

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

- (a) the steps taken to consider Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport in Sripotti Sriramulu (SPS), Nellore district under UDAN;
- (b) whether technical teams from Central Government have visited the Dagadarthi Greenfield airport; and
- (c) the outcome of the visits of the Central Government teams to Dagadarthi Greenfield airport?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. Under RCS-UDAN, revival / upgradation of unserved & underserved airports is done on its identification through valid bid & award to the Selected Airline Operator.

Further, Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any Airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

As per GFA Policy, GoI has granted 'In-Principle' approval to State Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) in 2016 for construction of Greenfield Airport at Dagadarthi (Nellore) in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) & (c): A team from Airports Authority of India (AAI) has recently visited the Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport site. Latest Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) Survey is required to be done by the Project Proponent.
