

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1762  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025)**

**AIR CONNECTIVITY FROM MAYURBHANJ TO BHUBANESWAR AND KOLKATA**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to connect Amarda Road Airfield in Mayurbhanj with Bhubaneswar and Kolkata by air;
- (b) if so, by when the flights from Bhubaneswar to Amarda Road Airfield and from Amarda Road Airfield to Kolkata expected to commence;
- (c) the steps Government is taking to improve air connectivity for remote regions like Amarda Road Airfield; and
- (d) whether there are any plans to upgrade the Dandpose Airstrip at Rairangpur for chartered plane operations, considering its proximity to Simlipal Tiger Reserve?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Amarda Airport, owned by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has been identified for the development and operation of RCS flights during the 4.2 round of bidding under UDAN scheme. A total of Rs. 45.00 Crores has been allocated for the development of the airport. The State Government is in the process of acquiring land required for the project. Once the land acquisition is completed, development work is likely to start. Commencement of flights from Amarda Airport is subject to readiness of the airport.

(d): Rairangpur Airport, owned by the State Government, was identified for the development and operation of RCS flights during the 5.2 round of bidding under the UDAN scheme. A total of Rs. 45.00 Crores has been sanctioned for the development of this airport. The airport is being developed by the State Government of Odisha for small aircraft operations.

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