

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1609
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th August 2025)**

UPGRADING JHARSUGUDA AIRPORT AND UTKELA AIRPORT

1609. **SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI**

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

- (a) whether Government will consider upgrading Jharsuguda Airport and Utkela Airport to a full-fledged international airport in view of growing industrial and business activities in western Odisha; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): Declaration of an airport as an International Airport depends upon traffic potential, demand from airlines for the operation of international flights, and bilateral Air Services Agreement besides provision of Ground Lighting facilities, Instrument Landing System, runway length, Immigration, Health and Animal & Plant Quarantine services etc. Currently, no such proposal for declaration of Jharsuguda Airport or Utkela Airport as an International Airport is under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
