

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 827
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2025)**

TUSURA AIRPORT IN BALANGIR, ODISHA

827. **SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI**

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

- (a) whether Tusura airport in Balangir district of the State of Odisha will become operational, considering that the airport already has good infrastructure and a developed runway; and
- (b) whether Government will take steps to expedite its commissioning under the UDAN scheme to improve regional air connectivity in western Odisha?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (b) : Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), Tusura airstrip in Odisha is available in the list of unserved airstrips in the UDAN document. No airline bidder has submitted proposals to operate RCS flights from Tusura airstrip till date. As per the provisions of the scheme, revival / upgradation of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator.

In case any airline submits a valid proposal for the operation of RCS flights connecting Tusura airstrip in future bidding rounds, the same can be considered as per the UDAN Scheme's provisions.
