

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1628
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th December 2025)**

PROPOSAL TO OPERATIONALIZE DORMANT AIRSTRIPS

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

(a) whether there is a proposal to operationalize dormant airstrips like Angul, Baripada, and Rasgovindpur through PPP or joint Defence-Civil Aviation models; 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): Angul, Baripada, and Rasgovindpur are available in the list of unserved airports in the documents of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN).

Amarda (Rasgovindpur) 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 the 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.

No airline bidder has submitted a proposal for the operation of RCS flights from Angul and Baripada airstrips in Odisha to date.
