

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 46  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025)**

**EXPANSION OF AVIATION SECTOR IN THE EASTERN REGION**

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

- (a) the steps taken since August 2025 to enhance civil aviation in the Eastern Region in order to strengthen centre-state-industry cooperation particularly through infrastructure, connectivity, and skill development;
- (b) the number of airports, routes under the UDAN scheme along with the maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facilities operational in the Eastern Region during this period and the manner in which they become operational;
- (c) the potential impact and expected contribution of these initiatives; and
- (d) the timelines and milestones set by Government for further expanding aviation access to Tier-II and Tier-III cities in the Eastern Region?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): The modernisation and development of infrastructure facilities at airports is a continuous process and is undertaken on the passenger demand forecast, operational requirements for safety of aircraft operation and demand from airlines.

Ministry of Civil Aviation organised the Eastern Region Ministers' Conference on Civil Aviation 2025 on 25th August at Bhubaneswar, Odisha wherein all the States/UTs of the Eastern Region were invited to discuss specific connectivity challenges, infrastructure proposals, and support requirements.

The Purnea Airport in Bihar was developed under UDAN and inaugurated on 15th September 2025 and is currently connected to Kolkata, Delhi, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad.

The DGCA granted approval for one FTO in Dumka, Jharkhand, in August 2025.

In the year 2025, AAI has allotted land to the State Govt at Bhubaneswar Airport and to Everdeliver Logistics Pvt Ltd. at Kolkata Airport in the Eastern Region on card rate basis to develop MRO facilities.

UDAN has strengthened the Eastern Region by improving connectivity, accessibility boosting industry tourism & hospitality, enhancing access to healthcare, and generating direct & indirect employment across aviation and allied sectors.

Moreover, the Government has announced the launch of the Modified UDAN Scheme to increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations across the country including the Eastern Region and to cater to 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years.

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