

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 1
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2026
**DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF AIRPORT
INFRASTRUCTURE IN ODISHA**

1. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ

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

- (a) number of airports presently operational in Odisha, along with the date of their inauguration/commencement of commercial operations;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to develop new airports in Odisha, and if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to upgrade the Rangeilunda Airstrip in Ganjam into a commercial airport, and if so, the present status and expected timeline thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) IN RESPECT OF
RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 01 FOR REPLY ON 20.07.2026
REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE
IN ODISHA ASKED BY SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ

(a): At present, there are five operational airports in Odisha, namely Bhubaneswar, Jharsuguda, Jeypore, Rourkela and Utkela. Bhubaneswar Airport has been operational for scheduled commercial flights since 17.04.1962. The remaining airports have been operationalised under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) as given below:

S.No.	Airport	Date of Operationalization
1.	Jharsuguda	22.09.2018
2.	Jeypore	03.08.2022
3.	Rourkela	07.01.2023
4.	Utkela	31.08.2023

(b): Government of India (GoI) has granted 'In-Principle' approval to the State Government of Odisha for development of an International Greenfield Airport at Puri on 06.05.2025. As per Greenfield Airports Policy, the responsibility for implementation of the Greenfield airport project lies with the Project Proponent. The timeline for completion of an airport project depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.

(c): The Rangeilunda Airstrip, near Brahmapur in Ganjam district, has been identified for development and operationalization under the RCS-UDAN scheme and is being developed by the State Government of Odisha.
