

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 20
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2026
REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN
CHHATTISGARH

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

- (a) whether Government has successfully expanded aviation infrastructure in the State of Chhattisgarh under the UDAN scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of new routes and passenger growth at Bilaspur, Jagdalpur, and Ambikapur airports during the last three years;
- (c) whether funds were allocated for terminal upgradation and modern facilities to meet rising demand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the positive impact on local tourism and economic growth?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN, three airports in the State of Chhattisgarh, namely Jagdalpur, Bilaspur and Ambikapur, have been identified for development and operationalisation of RCS flight services with the objective of enhancing regional air connectivity.

The details of the RCS routes operationalised from Bilaspur, Jagdalpur and Ambikapur airports under the UDAN Scheme and the airport-wise passenger traffic at these airports during the last three years are at Annexures-A and B, respectively.

The three airports have been developed under the Revival and Development Scheme of the Government of India at a cost of Rs. 60.16 crore for Jagdalpur Airport, Rs. 65.22 crore for Bilaspur Airport and Rs. 80.14 crore for Ambikapur Airport.

Annexure-A**Details of RCS Routes Operationalised from Bilaspur, Jagdalpur and Ambikapur Airports under the UDAN Scheme**

Airport	RCS Route	Date of Commencement
Jagdalpur	Jagdalpur – Raipur	14.06.2018
Jagdalpur	Jagdalpur – Visakhapatnam	20.06.2018
Jagdalpur	Jagdalpur – Hyderabad	21.09.2020
Bilaspur	Bilaspur – Prayagraj	01.03.2021
Bilaspur	Bilaspur – Jabalpur	01.03.2021
Bilaspur	Bilaspur – Bhopal	05.06.2022
Ambikapur	Ambikapur – Bilaspur	19.12.2024
Ambikapur	Ambikapur – Raipur	19.12.2024

Annexure B**Airport-wise Passenger Traffic at Bilaspur, Jagdalpur and Ambikapur Airports under the UDAN Scheme**

Airport	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (Provisional)
Bilaspur	29,475	38,760	32,989
Jagdalpur	59,863	70,405	60,901
Ambikapur*	-	533	653

* RCS flight operations from Ambikapur commenced on **19.12.2024**.