

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2026

MODERNIZATION OF AIRPORTS IN MAHARASHTRA

2. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any assessment regarding the expansion and modernization of airports in Maharashtra, particularly at Nagpur, Pune, Nashik, Kolhapur and Amravati, in view of increasing passenger and cargo traffic;
- (b) the details of projects sanctioned under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN) in the State, district-wise;
- (c) whether any proposals are under consideration for improving air cargo facilities to promote exports from Maharashtra; and
- (d) the timeline for completion of these projects and the funds allocated during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Modernization and development of infrastructure facilities at the existing airports, including airports at Nagpur, Pune, Nashik, Kolhapur and Amravati, is a continuous process, which is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) or the Airport Operators/Developers concerned depending upon traffic demand, commercial feasibility, operational requirements for safety of aircraft operation and demand from airlines etc. Development works are taken up in a phased manner depending upon availability of land and viability, availability of slots as well as other facilities with reference to intended aircraft operations. Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN, airports namely Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Nanded, Ozar (Nashik), Gondia, Sindhudurg, Amravati and Solapur have been developed and operationalised. MADC has undertaken development works at Ratnagiri Airport and airline operations may commence upon the airport's readiness.

(c) & (d): Development of cargo infrastructure at airports is a continuous process which is undertaken in a phased and demand-driven manner, aligned with actual cargo volumes, traffic potential and commercial viability. Air cargo warehousing capacity is augmented through the development of major new facilities, along with the modernisation and upgradation of existing cargo terminals. Facilities for air cargo movement are available at Pune, Aurangabad, Jalgaon, Kolhapur, Mumbai, Nagpur, Nashik, Shirdi and Navi Mumbai airports in the State of Maharashtra.
