

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 801
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th July 2026

EXPANSION OF REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY IN JHARKHAND

801. SHRI NATHWANI PARIMAL

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any assessment regarding the expansion of regional air connectivity in Jharkhand under the UDAN Scheme, if so, the detail thereof;
- (b) details of operational and non-operational airports, airstrips and heliports in Jharkhand, district-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to operationalize or upgrade airports at Dumka, Bokaro, Deoghar (further expansion), Dhalbhumgarh, Hazaribagh and other locations, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) funds sanctioned and utilized during the last five years for airport infrastructure development in Jharkhand; and
- (e) steps taken to improve air connectivity to tribal and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts of the State?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), six (06) airports namely, Bokaro, Dumka, Jamshedpur, Hazaribagh, Deoghar and Daltonganj in the state of Jharkhand have been identified for development and operation of RCS flights. Two airports namely, Jamshedpur & Deoghar have already been operationalised.

Development at Bokaro and Dumka is complete, while the State Government has not provided land for Hazaribagh and Daltonganj.

An amount of Rs. 122.04 crore has been sanctioned for the development of airports infrastructure in Jharkhand, against which an expenditure of Rs.117.61 crore has been incurred so far.

To further enhance regional air connectivity across the country, the Government has launched the modified UDAN Scheme on 04.07.2026. The modified scheme envisages connecting 120 new unserved and underserved destinations and facilitating travel for 4 crore passengers over the next 10 years. The scheme will also support development of helipads and smaller airports in hilly, aspirational and North Eastern Region districts.
