

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3107  
(To be answered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017)**

**DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN CHHATTISGARH**

**3107. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether Swami Vivekanand airport, Raipur in Chhattisgarh State is proposed to be declared as an international airport;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be announced/international flights are likely to be commenced therefrom;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to declare Bilaspur, Jagdalpur and Ambikapur airstrips in Chhattisgarh as airports and if so, the time by which it is likely to be declared/developed;
- (d) whether the Airports Authority of India has assented to setting up a 3-C category airport in Raigarh;
- (e) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and
- (f) whether efforts are being made to turn old terminal of Raipur airport into Cargo terminal and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Jayant Sinha)**

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**(a) & (b) : No, Madam. There is no such proposal at present.**

**(c) : Development of airstrips / airports depends on traffic demand, commercial viability, availability of adequate land etc. In the 1st round bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN, Air Odisha has been selected to operate RCS flights from unserved airports/airstrips at Bilaspur, Jagdalpur and Ambikapur.**

**(d) & (e) : Yes, Madam. For development of Raigarh Airport for operation of 3C Category i.e. ATR-72/Q 400 type of aircraft in Phase I and subsequently for A320 type of aircraft operation in Phase-II, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an MoU with the State Government of Chhattisgarh .**

**(f) : Yes, Madam. A part of the old terminal building of Raipur Airport has already been converted into Common User Domestic Cargo Terminal.**