

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1835
(To be answered on the 28th December 2017)**

Development of Keshod Airport

1835. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Keshod airport near Gir forest sanctuary of Gujarat to improve air connectivity;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the steps taken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to enable operation of scheduled flights from Keshod airport?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

तागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): Keshod airport is an operational airport suitable for operation of ATR-72 / ATR-42 type of aircraft. Development / upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports, etc.

It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) issued by Government. No airline had submitted proposals for operation of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) flights from Keshod airport in the first round of bidding under RCS UDAN.
