

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3848
(To be answered on the 9th August 2018)**

UPGRADATION OF AIRSTRIPS

3848. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a): whether Jharkhand Government has sent a proposal for upgradation of airstrips including Chiyanki airstrip, Daltonganj;**
(b): if so, the details thereof;
(c): whether the Union Government is taking any steps to increase air services between Jharkhand and North-Eastern States; and
(d): if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): A MoU has been signed between State Government of Jharkhand, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India in August 2016 for implementation of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS). After the first two rounds, the bids have been received for flight operation from Jamshedpur, Bokaro and Dumka airports. Accordingly, the routes have been allotted to respective airlines.

(c) & (d): Flights operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) issued by the Government. It is upto the airline operators to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. Besides, selection of cities under RCS is to be 'demand driven', depending on firm demand from the airline operators and where the State Government agrees to provide various concessions envisaged in the Policy.
