

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2657
(To be answered on the 22nd December 2022)**

DOMESTIC AIRPORT IN KARNAL

2657. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the exercise regarding the construction of a domestic airport in Karnal, Haryana is going on since 2008 and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) explored the possibilities of building an airport in October, 2012 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the project remained confined to official visits and meetings till June, 2014 and if so, the details of the decision taken by the Committee in this regard;
- (c) whether the way for construction of the domestic airport in Karnal has been cleared and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether after completion of the airport, air connectivity of Delhi and Chandigarh would be easy and public would get benefit from it; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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- (a) to (c): Karnal Airport is owned by the State Government of Haryana. On the request of State Government, Airports Authority of India (AAI) had carried out pre-feasibility study for development of Karnal Airstrip for commercial operations in October, 2012 and the Report was forwarded to the State Government of Haryana in January, 2013. As assessed in the pre-feasibility study, requirement of additional land of 395 acre was projected by AAI to State Government of Haryana for development of Karnal Airstrip. On the request of State Government of Haryana, a Pre-feasibility study was conducted once again by AAI on 16.12.2022. Further development of the airport depends upon the outcome of the report of the pre-feasibility study.
- (d) & (e): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN scheme on 21-10-2016. As far as Karnal airport is concerned, no Airline has submitted any proposal to operate RCS flights from and to Karnal so far.
