

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 449
(To be answered on the 8th December 2022)**

UPGRADATION OF SMALL AIRSTRIPS

**449. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any special provision for upgradation of small air strips and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of small airstrips which have been upgraded in the State of Maharashtra;**
- (c) whether any proposal has been submitted for upgradation of airstrip in Osmanabad and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken any decision to upgrade the said airstrip; and**
- (e) if so, the time by which the airstrip is likely to be fully upgraded?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a market driven scheme. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations, is developed under 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme.

Under the revival/upgradation scheme, 6 airports namely Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Nanded, Nasik, Gondia and Sindhudurg have been operationalized so far, for operation of UDAN flights.

(c) to (e): Osmanabad airstrip in Maharashtra is available in the list of unserved airports in the UDAN scheme document. However, none of the airline bidders have submitted the proposal to operate UDAN flights so far

and hence, the airstrip at Osmanabad has not been taken up for revival.
