

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1216  
(To be answered on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023)**

**SAFETY CLEARANCE FROM BCAS**

**1216. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps regarding granting of approval for safety clearance from Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and licence from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for operation of the flights to and from Gondia airport in Maharashtra at the earliest; and**  
**(b) if so, the details thereof along with its current status as on date?**

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

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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. Under the Scheme, Gondia Airport has already been operationalised for UDAN flights connecting Indore and Hyderabad on 13.03.2022.**

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