

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2699
(To be answered on the 16th March 2023)**

NEW AIRPORT IN MADHYA PRADESH

2699. SHRIMATI HIMADRI SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build any new airport in Madhya Pradesh;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to build a new airport in Shahdol Parliamentary Constituency; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (d): 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. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN.

An airport which is included in the awarded routes of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme. Datia, Gwalior, Pachmarhi and Rewa airports have been identified in Madhya Pradesh for operation of UDAN flights.

Shahdol Airport, Madhya Pradesh is available in the tentative list of unserved airport of UDAN scheme document. So far, no airline has submitted any proposal to operate UDAN flights from Shahdol Airport, Madhya Pradesh. In case, any airline submits valid bid for operations of flights under UDAN from Shahdol Airstrip, Madhya Pradesh in future rounds of bidding, the same shall be considered as per the provisions of the Scheme document.
