

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1213
(To be answered on the 27th July 2023)**

OPERATIONALISATION OF UTKELA AIRPORT

1213. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to operationalise of Utkala Airport in Odisha;**
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the number of passengers of nearby areas likely to be benefited from operationalisation of Utkela Airport; and
(d) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred on the construction and development of the Utkela Airport?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a) to (d) : Utkela airport in Odisha has been identified for development and operation of flights under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik). An amount of INR 56.32 crores has been allocated for development of the airport, out of which an expenditure of INR 31.07 crores has been incurred as on 30.06.2023. The development works at Utkela airport have been completed and licensing is under process.

RCS routes connecting Utkela with Bhubaneswar and Raipur have been awarded to M/s GSEC Monarch (Selected Airline Operator) for the operation of UDAN flights with 9 seater aircraft under UDAN 4.1

Development of Airport in Utkela will provide air connectivity to the residents of Kalahandi District and nearby areas, to the State Capital and other cities.
