

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Lok Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1847**  
**( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th December 2023 )**  
**STEPS TO IMPROVE AIR CONNECTIVITY**

**1847. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

**the details of steps taken by the Government to improve air connectivity across the Island Union Territories of the country?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

**During various round of bidding under UDAN, to improve air connectivity across the Island Union Territories of the country, 3 Airports and 4 water aerodromes have been identified in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, details of which are placed at Annexure-A.**

**8 water aerodromes were identified in Lakshadweep, details of which are placed at Annexure-B**

**An MoU has been executed on 15.06.2021 for Development of Water Aerodromes in India between MoCA & MoPSW.**

**Guidelines have been formulated by MoCA in consultation with the Ministry of Port, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) for Development of Water Aerodromes under the UDAN Scheme. The guidelines explain the process from receipt of request to Development of Water Aerodromes for its Operationalisation.;**

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**AAI has developed a New Integrated Terminal Building (NITB) at Port Blair Airport in Andaman Nicobar islands at a cost of Rs. 708 crore which is capable to handle a total of 1200 (1000 Domestic + 200 International) passengers during peak hour. The New Integrated**

**Terminal Building at Port Blair airport was inaugurated on 18.07.2023.;**

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**A proposal for expansion of Agatti Airport in Lakshadweep islands for the operation of A-320 type of aircraft is under consideration in AAI in consultation with other stakeholders.**

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## ANDAMAN &amp; NICOBAR ISLANDS (UT)

S. No.	Airport/Water Aerodrome	Status
1.	Campbell Bay	MoU with Indian Navy signed on 28.07.2022. Execution to be done by PWD, UT.  O&M Agreement between AAI&UT is in progress.  License not required being a Defence Airport
2.	Car Nicobar	Work in Progress. License not required being a Defence Airport. O & M Agreement with AAI & UT is in progress.
3.	Shibpur	1. O&M Agreement signed on 01.09.2023. 2. BCAS Final Security Vetting is proposed in Dec, 2023. License not required being a Defence Airport
4.	Swaraj Dweep (WA)	Environmental Clearance received & Work in progress
5.	Shaheed Dweep (WA)	Environmental Clearance received & Work in progress
6.	Long Island (WA)	Environmental Clearance received & Tender action in process
7.	Mayabunder (WA)	Planning stage

## **Routes awarded under RCS – UDAN**

S.N.	Round	FW/H/W	Departure	Arrival	Operator	Started on	Remarks
1.	3	Fixed-wing	Campbell Bay	Car Nicobar	Andaman Airways		Cancelled
2.	3	Fixed-wing	Car Nicobar	Campbell Bay	Andaman Airways		Cancelled
3.	3	Fixed-wing	Car Nicobar	Port Blair	Andaman Airways		Cancelled
4.	3	Fixed-wing	Port Blair	Car Nicobar	Andaman Airways		Cancelled
5.	3	Fixed-wing	Port Blair	Shibpur	Andaman Airways		Cancelled
6.	3	Fixed-wing	Shibpur	Port Blair	Andaman Airways		Cancelled
7.	3.1	Sea Plane	Long Island	Port Blair	Spicejet		Cancelled
8.	3.1	Sea Plane	Port Blair	Long Island	Spicejet		Cancelled
9.	3.1	Sea Plane	Port Blair	Swaraj Dweep (Havelock)	Spicejet		Cancelled
10.	3.1	Sea Plane	Swaraj Dweep (Havelock)	Port Blair	Spicejet		Cancelled
11.	3.1	Sea Plane	Shaheed Dweep (Neil)	Port Blair	Spicejet		Cancelled
12.	3.1	Sea Plane	Port Blair	Shaheed Dweep (Neil)	Spicejet		Cancelled
13.	4.1	Fixed-wing	Car Nicobar	Port Blair	Spicejet		Cancelled
14.	4.1	Fixed-wing	Port Blair	Car Nicobar	Spicejet		Cancelled
15.	4.2	Sea Plane	Port Blair	Mayabunder (WA)	SAR Aviation		To be cancelled
16.	4.2	Sea Plane	Mayabunder (WA)	Port Blair	SAR Aviation		To be cancelled
17.	4.2	Sea Plane	Long Island	Port Blair	SAR Aviation		Water Aerodromes not ready
18.	4.2	Sea Plane	Port Blair	Long Island	SAR Aviation		
19.	4.2	Sea Plane	Port Blair	Swaraj Dweep (Havelock)	SAR Aviation		
20.	4.2	Sea Plane	Swaraj Dweep (Havelock)	Port Blair	SAR Aviation		
21.	4.2	Sea Plane	Shaheed Dweep (Neil)	Port Blair	SAR Aviation		
22.	4.2	Sea Plane	Port Blair	Shaheed Dweep (Neil)	SAR Aviation		
23.	4.2	Fixed-wing	Car Nicobar	Port Blair	Big Charters		Car Nicobar airport not ready
24.	4.2	Fixed-wing	Port Blair	Car Nicobar	Big Charters		
25.	4.2	Fixed-wing	Campbell Bay	Car Nicobar	Spicejet		Campbell Bay airport not ready
26.	4.2	Fixed-wing	Car Nicobar	Campbell Bay	Spicejet		
27.	4.2	Fixed-wing	Port Blair	Shibpur	Big Charters		

S.N.	Round	FW/H/W	Departure	Arrival	Operator	Started on	Remarks
28.	4.2	Fixed-wing	Shibpur	Port Blair	Big Charters		Shibpur under development

**Annexure-B****LAKSHADWEEP (UT)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Water Aerodromes</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	Agatti (WA)	DPR under preparation
2.	Kavaratti (WA)	
3.	Minicoy (WA)	
4.	Bangaram (WA)	Planning stage
5.	Bitra (WA)	
6.	Kadmat (WA)	
7.	Kalpeni (WA)	
8.	Kiltan (WA)	

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1.	4	Sea Plane	Agatti	Minicoy	Spicejet		Cancelled
2.	4	Sea Plane	Agatti	Kavaratti	Spicejet		Cancelled
3.	4	Sea Plane	Minicoy	Agatti	Spicejet		Cancelled
4.	4	Sea Plane	Kavaratti	Agatti	Spicejet		Cancelled
5.	4.2	Sea Plane	Agatti	Minicoy	Spicejet		Water Aerodromes not ready
6.	4.2	Sea Plane	Minicoy	Agatti	Spicejet		
7.	4.2	Sea Plane	Agatti	Kavaratti	Spicejet		
8.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kavaratti	Agatti	Spicejet		
9.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kalpeni	Minicoy	Spicejet		
10.	4.2	Sea Plane	Minicoy	Kalpeni	Spicejet		
11.	4.2	Sea Plane	Bitra	Kavaratti	Spicejet		
12.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kavaratti	Bitra	Spicejet		
13.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kadmat	Kavaratti	Spicejet		
14.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kavaratti	Kadmat	Spicejet		
15.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kalpeni	Kavaratti	Spicejet		
16.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kavaratti	Kalpeni	Spicejet		
17.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kiltan	Kavaratti	Spicejet		
18.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kavaratti	Kiltan	Spicejet		
19.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kochi	Bangaram	Spicejet		
20.	4.2	Sea Plane	Bangaram	Kochi	Spicejet		
21.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kochi	Bitra	Spicejet		
22.	4.2	Sea Plane	Bitra	Kochi	Spicejet		
23.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kochi	Kalpeni	Spicejet		
24.	4.2	Sea Plane	Kalpeni	Kochi	Spicejet		
25.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Agatti	Goa	Just Udo		Yet to commence
26.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Goa	Agatti	Just Udo		Yet to commence
27.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Agatti	Bangalore	Just Udo		Yet to commence
28.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Bangalore	Agatti	Just Udo		Yet to commence
29.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Bangalore	Agatti	Spicejet		Yet to commence
30.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Agatti	Chennai	Spicejet		Yet to commence