

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 781
(To be answered on the 21st November 2019)**

UTKAL AIRPORT UNDER UDAN SCHEME

781. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to include Utkal airport in UDAN Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) the amount of funds involved therein and the time likely to be taken to start the same?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) and (b): Utkela airport in Odisha figures in the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) document. In first round of bidding under RCS - UDAN, RCS routes connecting Utkela with Bhubaneswar & Raipur were awarded to Selected Airline Operator (SAO). However, due to non-compliance of SAO agreement by SAO, network was cancelled by the Implementing Agency. No airline submitted proposal to operate RCS flight from Utkela in subsequent rounds of bidding under the scheme. In case, any proposal to operate RCS flight from Utkela is received in future rounds, same may be considered as per provisions of the RCS document. SAO is entitled for Viability Gap Funding upon commencement of RCS - UDAN operations.
