

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4201
(To be answered on the 19th March 2020)**

AIRPORTS IN ODISHA UNDER UDAN SCHEME

4201. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the airports selected under UDAN scheme for domestic travel in Odisha;
- (b) the airports which are ready and to be developed for the UDAN scheme in Odisha;
- (c) whether there has been demands for connecting international destinations from Bhubaneswar, if so, the details thereof including destinations already connected and those which are in the pipeline; and
- (d) the status of the survey conducted with regard to the airstrip under UDAN scheme in Talcher of Angul district?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): Airports Authority of India (AAI), the implementing agency, has cancelled route/network awarded in first round of bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) connecting Jharsuguda, Jeypore, Rourkela and Utkela due to non-compliance of Selected Airline Operator (SAO) Agreement by SAO. Subsequently, the Implementing Agency awarded the proposals for operations of RCS flights from Jharsuguda and Rourkela in third round of bidding to the Selected Airline Operators. Jharsuguda airport has already been operationalized under UDAN scheme. Rourkela airport is a licensed Airport under category 2B. Government of Odisha has requested to provide the International Air Connectivity from Bhubaneshwar to Abu Dhabi, Bangkok & Singapore. Accordingly, Airports Authority of India (AAI), Implementing Agency on behalf of Government of Odisha has invited e-Proposals for International Air Connectivity (IAC) from the interested bidders by 25.03.2020. Angul Airport of Odisha figures in the tentative list of the unserved airports/airstrips. However, Angul Airport belongs to private operator. No bid has been received till third round of bidding. In case, any valid bid is received for routes connecting Angul Airport in future round of bidding, same shall be considered as per RCS provisions, subject to consent of Airport operator.