

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 577
(To be answered on the 22nd July 2021)**

SEA PLANE SERVICES IN INDIA

577. **SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Ministry has recently signed an MoU with the Shipping Ministry for development of Sea Plane Services in India and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether this MoU will help in expediting the development of new water aerodromes and also operationalization of new sea plane routes in India;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the MoU will improve seamless connectivity across the nation by promoting eco-friendly transportation through sea planes and give a boost to the tourism sector and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on June 15, 2021 for the development of seaplane services in India. This MoU envisages development of Non Scheduled/Scheduled operation of seaplane services within territorial jurisdiction of India. The main objective of this MoU is to enhance seamless connectivity across the nation by promoting eco-friendly transportation through Seaplanes and also give a boost to the tourism industry.

Further, MoU will facilitate in expediting the development of new water aerodromes and operationalization of new seaplane routes in India. For

development of Water Aerodromes, MoPSW would undertake the responsibilities of waterside works considering their expertise. The State/UT Governments would execute the landside activities. MoCA as a nodal Ministry would coordinate with the stakeholders for operationalization of water aerodromes. Development of water aerodromes and promoting seaplanes operations would go a long way in opening up the new mode of transportation. These operations will also help in connecting the tourist destinations to give impetus to tourism sector.
