

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3026
(To be answered on the 16th December 2021)**

AIRPORT IN JEYPORE

3026. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been delay in completion of operational works of Jeypore airport in Odisha, if so, the details including current updates thereof and the reasons for delay in this regard;**
- (b) the time by which the airport will become operational; and**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN.

Airports Authority of India (AAI) , the Implementing Agency, had awarded UDAN routes connecting Jeypore airport to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO) in the first round of bidding. However, UDAN Routes connecting Jeypore airport were cancelled due to the non-compliance of agreement by the SAO. AAI has awarded routes connecting Jeypore to Bhubaneswar and Vishakhapatnam in a recently conducted bidding under UDAN. The SAOs are obligated to commence RCS flight operations on a RCS-route within a period of 180 days from the issuance of Letter of Award or within two months from the readiness of airport, whichever is later, unless any extension is granted by the Implementing Agency.