

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3179
(To be answered on the 16th December 2021)**

UTKELA AIRPORT UNDER UDAN SCHEME

3179. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include Utkela airport under UDAN Scheme which is a long pending demand;**
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): Utkela airport figures in the tentative list of unserved airports in the UDAN scheme document. Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency, had awarded routes to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO) connecting Utkela airport in the first round of bidding under UDAN. However, the said UDAN routes connecting Utkela airport were cancelled due to the non-compliance of agreement by the SAO subsequently. AAI has now awarded routes connecting Utkela to Bhubaneswar and Raipur, to SAO of bidding under UDAN 4.1.
