

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 748  
(To be answered on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022)**

**AIR SERVICE TO ROURKELA**

**748. SHRI JUAL ORAM**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade some air strips in different States and develop them as full-fledged airports  
(b) if so, the details of airstrips selected thereof;  
(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce the air services to Rourkela and if so, the details thereof; and  
(d) the time by which the said flight connectivity would be started and the steps taken 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))**

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(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country 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 UDAN. An airport /airstrip /helipad /heliport /water aerodrome which is included in the awarded routes of RCS - UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme. The Government has set a target to develop/upgrade 100 airports/heliports/water aerodromes for operations of UDAN flights. Details of the airports/heliports being developed in 2022-2023 are attached as Annexure.

Airports Authority of India, the implementing agency of UDAN had identified Rourkela airport in first round of bidding under UDAN to operate RCS flights connecting Rourkela with Kolkata & Bhubaneswar. Accordingly, this airport was developed for Code - 2B operations and licensed. Subsequently,

**the said routes were cancelled due to non - compliance with Selected Airline Operator (SAO) Agreement by the SAOs. AAI (Airports Authority of India), the implementing agency, has awarded routes connecting Rourkela and Bhubaneswar in third round of bidding under UDAN. M/s Alliance Air, the SAO has informed that they are ready to operate Bhubaneswar-Rourkela UDAN flight operations from Winter Schedule, 2022 subject to Rourkela Airport readiness for ATR-72 type of aircraft compliant operations.**

**SAOs including for Rourkela Airport under UDAN are obligated to commence RCS flight operations on a RCS-route within a period of six months 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.**

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## Annexure

## State wise list of airports/ heliports proposed for revival and Operationalisation in 2022-2023

Sl. No	States/ UTs	Airports/Heliports (H)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar (H),
2.		Ziro (H)
3.	Gujarat	Keshod
4.	Himachal Pradesh	Baddi(H)
5.		Sanjoli –Shimla
6.	Jharkhand	Deoghar
7.		Jamshedpur
8.		Bokaro
9.	Manipur	Jiribam(H)
10.	Odisha	Rourkela
11.		Jeypore
12.		Utkela
13.	Tamilnadu	Neyveli
14.	Uttarakhand	Almora
15.	Uttar Pradesh	Aligarh
16.		Azamgarh
17.		Chitrakoot
18.		Shravasti
19.		Moradabad
20.	West Bengal	Cooch Behar