

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 774
(To be answered on the 21st July 2022)**

DELAY IN COMPLETION OF JEYPORE AIRPORT

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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 along with the reasons for the delay in this regard;
(b) the time by which the said airport would become operational; and
(c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): Airport Authority of India, the Implementing Agency had awarded routes from Jeypore under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) to Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) for operation of UDAN flights. Subsequently, the awarded UDAN routes were cancelled due to non-compliance with provisions of the contractual agreement by the Selected Airline Operator(s). Subsequently, the RCS routes connecting Jeypore with Bhubaneswar and Vizag have been offered in the fourth round of bidding of UDAN and awarded to SAO for operation of UDAN flights in October, 2021. The development work of Jeypore airport has been completed and documents have been submitted to Directorate General of Civil Aviation for licensing.

Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) 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.
