

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1675
(To be answered on the 1st August 2024)**

REDEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS/AIRSTRIPS

**1675. SMT HIMADRI SINGH
SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish new airport/airstrips in the country, particularly in Madhya Pradesh;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government proposes to redevelop the airstrip in Farrukhabad district of Uttar Pradesh keeping in view the Buddhist pilgrimage site there and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): Government of India (GoI) has accorded 'In-Principle' approval for setting up of 21 new Greenfield Airports namely, Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga in Karnataka, Dabra (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh, Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi, Bhogapuram and Orvakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala and Hollongi (Itanagar) in Arunachal Pradesh across the country. Out of these, 12 Greenfield airports viz. Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar, Itanagar, Mopa, Shivamogga and Hirasar (Rajkot) have been operationalised.

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 including in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, and making air travel affordable to the masses. Under RCS-UDAN, 85 unserved/underserved airports including 2 Water Aerodromes & 13 Heliports have been developed/operationalized, which includes Gwalior Airport in Madhya

Pradesh. Airports at Rewa, Datia, Pachmarhi, Guna & Shivpuri in the State of Madhya Pradesh have also been identified for development and operation of RCS flights therefrom.

(c): During 5.2 round of bidding under RCS-UDAN Scheme, a bid has been received for Farrukhabad airport. However, no routes are awarded to airlines connecting the airstrip. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh was requested to provide their consent and confirmation regarding the availability of land for the operation of small aircraft (2B) and for future expansion to category 3C.

The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that the existing 1228m x 24m airstrip of Farrukhabad airport is unsuitable for 2B aircraft operations.
