

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1697
(To be answered on the 1st August 2024)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY IN ODISHA

1697. SHRI SUKANTA KUMAR PANIGRAHI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of places available for air connectivity in the country including Odisha at present;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme in the forthcoming period to establish new route for providing air connectivity in Odisha and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Kandhamal constituency is included under the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of functional airports/runways constructed after the year 2014?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) : There are 157 operational airports in the country. As per the Summer Schedule 2024, scheduled air services are available to/from 125 airports in the country which include 05 airports in Odisha.

(b) & (c) : Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik (RCS-UDAN) seeks to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country. RCS-UDAN is a demand-driven scheme wherein where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations/stations and routes. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. Seven airstrips in Odisha have been identified for development and operationalisation of RCS flights namely Jeypore, Utkela, Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Amarda, Rangeilunda and Rairangpur, of which Jeypore, Utkela, Jharsuguda and Rourkela have been operationalised.

Kandhamal Airstrip is not at present available in the list of unserved airstrips

under the Scheme.

(d) :12 Greenfield Airports have been constructed since 2014. 48 airports/airstrips have been constructed by AAI since 2014.
