

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3925
(To be answered on the 19th December 2024)**

DEVELOPMENT OF BIRASHAL AIRSTRIP

3925. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for further development of Birashal airstrip in Dhenkanal district of Odisha and if so, the details thereof;**
(b) whether there is any proposal to operate flights from the said airstrip under UDAN; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c) Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) is a demand-driven scheme, wherein airline operators assess the feasibility of operation on a particular route and bid under the scheme from time to time. The selection of airlines is made through a transparent bidding process.

Under RCS-UDAN, revival / upgradation of unserved & underserved airports is done on its identification through valid bid & award to the Selected Airline Operator.

Birashal airstrip in Dhenkanal district of Odisha is available in the tentative list of unserved airports in the UDAN document. However, after completion of five rounds of bidding under the UDAN scheme none of the airlines have submitted any proposal to operate RCS flights from Birashal airstrip till date.
