

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1569
(To be answered on the 13th February 2025)**

CONSTRUCTION OF AIRSTRIP IN HOSHANGABAD

1569. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct an airstrip at Matkuli/Pachmarhi in Hoshangabad Lok Sabha Constituency in the coming years; and

(b) 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) and (b): The airstrip located at Pachmarchi is under the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

No proposal regarding the construction of a new airport at Matkuli/Pachmarchi in Hoshangabad has been received by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

As per provisions in the UDAN Scheme, revival/upgradation of existing unserved & underserved airstrips is done on its identification through a valid bid & award to the SAO (Selected Airline Operator).

During UDAN 4.2, Pachmarhi Airport was identified for the development and operation of RCS flights under the UDAN scheme. RCS route connecting Pachmarhi to Indore has been awarded to FlyBig and a development fund of INR 45 crore has been allocated to develop the airport. However, any progress is currently held up due to a pending case in the NGT since December, 2022.
