

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1603  
(To be answered on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025)**

**DEVELOPMENT OF FIFTY ADDITIONAL AIRPORTS**

**1603. SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop fifty additional airports and if so, the details thereof along with the action plan and timeline fixed for the completion of each airport;
- (b) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for the expansion of Maa Danteshwari Airport, Jagdalpur in Bastar Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to introduce new flight services from the said Airport 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)**

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**(a): 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 from unserved and underserved airports in the country, making air travel affordable to the masses. With the budgetary support of Rs. 1000 crore, Government of India (GoI) has approved the proposal of Revival/ Development of 50 more unserved and underserved Airports/Helipads/Water Aerodromes and Advance Landing Grounds (ALGs) during the period of 03 years i.e. from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2026.**

**(b): The Jagdalpur airport is owned by the State Government of Chhattisgarh. The upgradation of infrastructures/facilities at airports is a continuous process, which is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) or the concerned Airport Operators depending upon operational requirements, traffic, demand, commercial feasibility etc.**

**(c): With the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, Indian domestic aviation has been fully deregulated. Airlines are free to induct any**

**aircraft type and to select markets and routes. The decision to introduce air services to/from any airport is taken by the airlines depending upon their operational and commercial viability and policy of the airlines.**

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