

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2361
(To be answered on the 13th March 2025)**

FLIGHTS FROM HUBULI AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the current occupancy rate of Delhi-Hubli flight operated by a private airline since its inception and the manner in which the demand has trended over the time;
- (b) the details of the proposed plans to expand Mangalore, Hubli and Belgaum airports, including the extension of the runway and other infrastructure upgradation that are currently under consideration;
- (c) the steps being taken to increase the number of flights operating from Hubli airport;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to introduce new routes from the said airport and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Airport Authority of India (AAI) is exploring potential partnerships with airlines to introduce larger aircrafts with higher passenger capacities at Hubli airport and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a): IndiGo commenced operations on the Delhi-Hubli route with 07 flights per week in each direction in November 2022 with A320 aircraft and flights on this route have been operating with an average load factor of 80% since its commencement.

(b): The proposed infrastructure upgradation of AAI airports at Hubli and Belgaum is as under:

1. Hubli Airport:

a. A new terminal building with an area of 16,000 sqm is under construction. Along with 3600sqm of existing building, the total terminal

building of 19,600 sqm will be able to cater to 3.5 MPPA, PDC-JAN 2026.
b. There are no plans for extension of the 2600m x 45m runway and the existing apron has 7 bays, which may be expanded to 14 bays.

2. Belgaum Airport:

a. A new terminal building having an area of 16,000 sqm is under construction. Along with 3600sqm of existing building, the terminal building of 19,600 sqm will be able to cater to 3.5MPPA, PDC-FEB 2026.

b. There are no plans for the extension of the 2300m x 45m runway, but resurfacing/ strengthening has been planned and the existing apron has 6 bays which may be expanded to 12 bays.

Mangalore airport is under lease with the Adani Group.

(c) to (e): Hubli Airport is currently connected to Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, and Pune through IndiGo Airlines. IndiGo operates both ATR and A320 Neo-type aircraft from Hubli Airport.

With the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type and free to select whatever markets and networks they wish to service and operate. Hence, it is up to the airline operators to consider the introduction of air services to/from any airport in the country depending upon their operational and commercial viabilities.
