GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION Lok Sabha UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3295 (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th March 2025)

AIR CONNECTIVITY IN NER AND BHUBANESWAR

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) the details of funds allocated and utilized by the Government for connecting the North-Eastern Region of the country with the mainland through air connectivity during the last five years;

(b) whether the Government has taken any decision to construct new terminals at airports in the North-Eastern Region considering the increasing passenger traffic and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a techno-financial feasibility study has been conducted for the construction of a new terminal under the Bhubaneswar Airport expansion plan and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number and names of cities that the Government has decided to connect with Bhubaneswar Airport and the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has formulated any plan to increase the number of international flights from Bhubaneswar Airport and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) : The details of funds allocated and utilized by the Government for connecting the North-Eastern Region of the country with the mainland through air connectivity under the UDAN scheme is placed at Annexure-A. (b): A new Terminal building has been planned at Jorhat Airport. Works already in progress for New Terminal Building at Guwahati Airport, Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar & Imphal Airport.

(e): The present scheduled flight connectivity for (c) to Bhubaneswar airport as per slot allocation is enclosed as Annexure-**B.** No other request from any airline for flight operations from Bhubaneswar airport is pending as of now. Further, with the repeal of Air Corporations Act in March, 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. It is, therefore, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance with the extant guidelines in this regard. Airlines plan their domestic flight schedule on a specific route/city based on market demand, commercial feasibility, and their company policy on which Government has no control. Also, airlines plan their international flight schedule on a specific route based on Bilateral Air services agreement between two countries, market demand and as per respective company's policy. The Government provides an enabling environment for growth of civil aviation sector but does not interfere in the operational plans of the airlines.

Annexure-A

	Revival & Development Scheme, Phase -I Airports/Heliports/Water Aerodromes as on 04.02.2025						
Sn	State	Airport	A/H/WA	Sanction Amount	Total Exp till 31.01.2025		
1	AR	Passighat	А	0.07	0.07		
2	AR	Tezu	А	99.09	91.67		
3	AR	Daparizo	Н	6.78	5.78		
4	AR	Itanagar	Н	10.93	10.93		
5	AR	Miao	Н	13.00	0.06		
6	AR	Tuting	Н	6.84	6.84		
7	AR	Vijaynagar(H)	Н	13.00	0.06		
8	AR	Walong	Н	4.81	4.81		
9	AR	Yinghiong	Н	0.24	0.24		
10	AR	Ziro	Н	6.43	6.43		
11	AS	Jorhat	А	0.03	0.03		
12	AS	Lilabari	А	9.41	9.41		
13	AS	Rupsi	А	92.29	84.88		

14	AS	Tezpur	А	0.19	0.19
15	AS	Geleki	Н	1.07	1.07
16	AS	Nagaon	Н	4.48	1.48
17	AS	Guwahati River Front	WA	12.62	12.62
18	ML	Shillong	А	60.99	60.16
19	ML	Shillong(H)	Н	0.12	0.12
20	ML	Tura	Н	0.06	0.06
21	MN	Jiribam	Н	11.75	11.75
22	MN	Moreh	Н	4.04	4.04
23	MN	Parbung	Н	5.47	5.47
24	MN	Tamenglong	Н	1.07	1.07
25	MN	Thanlon	Н	8.18	8.18
26	NL	Dimapur	А	4.82	4.82
27	NL	Kohima	Н	13.00	0.06
28	NL	Mokokchung	Н	13.00	0.06
29	NL	Phek	Н	13.00	0.06
30	NL	Tuensang	Н	13.00	0.06
31	NL	Zunheboto	Н	13.00	0.06
32	SK	Pakyong	А	176.94	176.94
33	SK	Gangtok, East	Н	13.00	0.00
34	SK	Namchi, South	Н	13.00	0.00
35	SK	Pelling, West	Н	13.00	0.00

<u>Annexure B</u>

Air connectivity for Bhubaneswar Airport

Airport	Airlines Name	City Connected	Weekly Movements (Arr + Dep)
BHUBANESWAR (Domestic)	Indigo, Alliance Air, Air India, India One, Air India Express, Akasa	Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Mumbai, Kolkata, Dehradun, Delhi, Guwahati, Shamshabad, Indore, Prayagraj, Ranchi, Chennai, Patna, Durgapur, Raipur, Varanasi, Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Jamshedpur, Jeypore, Utkela, Cochin, Jaipur,	838

		Lucknow, Pune	
BHUBANESWAR (International)	Indigo	Bangkok, Dubai, Singapore	14