

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Lok Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 537**  
**( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th February 2025 )**  
**EXPANSION OF AIR CONNECTIVITY**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives for expansion of air connectivity in Maharashtra for connecting Mumbai and Delhi with small cities in the State and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the small airports in the State having some restrictions on landing of big aircrafts due to lack of essential facilities; and
- (c) whether the Government has any proposals to upgrade such small airports for better air connectivity and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) scheme, Nine airports, namely - Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Solapur, Amravati, Nanded, Nasik, Ratnagiri, Gondia and Sindhudurg in the state of Maharashtra, have been identified for revival and operation of RCS flights. Out of which Six Airports namely - Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Nanded, Nasik, Gondia and Sindhudurg have already been operationalised under the Scheme.

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The Solapur Airport has been licensed and ready for operation. The development work of Amravati airport has been completed and licensing is in progress. The Government of Maharashtra through MADC

**has taken up development of Ratnagiri Airport for which Rs. 80 crores has been allocated under the 'Revival/Development of unserved airstrips' Scheme.**

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**The maximum size of an aircraft that can land at any airport depends on various factors including the length, width and strength of runway, availability to suitable apron, taxiway etc and fire-category of the airport. The list of small airports with the maximum category of aircraft operating in the State of Maharashtra is placed at Annexure.;**

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**The modernization and development of infrastructure facilities at the airports is a continuous process and is undertaken on the passenger demand forecast, operational requirements for safety of aircraft operation and demand from airlines. Development works are taken up in a phased manner depending upon the availability of land and viability, as well as other facilities with reference to intended aircraft operations. Further, the Airports Authority of India has prepared Master Plans for AAI Airports up to the year 2047 based on the traffic projections. Commencement of the construction of infrastructures i.e. Runway extension, Apron expansion, Terminal building, etc. and land requirements have been planned accordingly.**

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**Annexure**

The list of AAI Airports with the maximum category of Aircraft Operating in the state of Maharashtra

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Airport</b>	<b>Aerodrome Reference Code</b>	<b>Maximum category of Aircraft Operating</b>
1	Jalgaon	3C	ATR-72/600
2	Juhu	2B	B200
3	Kolhapur	3C	ATR-72
4	Solapur	2C	ATR-42
5	Nanded	3C	ATR-72/600