

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 266
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7th August 2025)
WINGS INDIA 2026

266. **SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA**
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the objectives of Wings India 2026;
- (b) whether Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) projects have received any regulatory clearance, financial support or pilot project facilitation under Wings India 2026 and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the nature of support, implementing agencies and targeted regions or use-cases such as medical logistics, disaster response or last-mile connectivity; and
- (d) the details of proposed initiatives, partnerships or investment plans aimed at integrating various States including Odisha, into the national aviation growth strategy?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 266 FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.025 REGARDING "WINGS INDIA 2026" ASKED BY SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA AND SHRI SATISH KUMAR GAUTAM. (a) : Wings India 2026 is Asia's largest civil aviation event, connecting global stakeholders through exhibitions and high-level dialogues. The key objectives of the event are: i) To showcase India's civil aviation growth and investment opportunities in the aviation ecosystem. ii) To facilitate collaboration among global airlines, Original equipment manufacturer (OEMs), infrastructure providers, investors, and technology leaders. iii) To promote innovation in safety, sustainability, Advanced Air Mobility, and digital aviation. iv) To enable partnerships via Government to Government(G2G)/Business to Business(B2B)/Business to Government(B2G) meetings, roundtable conferences, and panel discussions. v) To support Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives by highlighting domestic capabilities. vi) To foster knowledge sharing and growth through conferences, technical sessions, and engagement with youth. (b) & (c): Wings India acts as a platform for collaboration between the aviation industry and both central and state governments, focusing on idea exchange and ecosystem development for the civil aviation sector, including Advanced Air Mobility (AAM). AAM projects are promoted through dedicated sessions, policy roundtables, and demonstration opportunities during the event. Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) is an emerging area globally as a new technology in air transport. The Ministry of Civil Aviation is actively engaging with stakeholders to explore the potential of AAM in India. Wings India 2026 is envisioned as a platform to facilitate dialogue, raise awareness, and showcase upcoming AAM technologies, with the aim of supporting future regulatory and project development frameworks. Relevant engagements are ongoing with OEMs, State Governments, regulatory authorities and others stakeholders to identify feasible use-cases including medical logistics, disaster response and last-mile connectivity. (d): The UDAN scheme, launched to boost regional air connectivity by developing unserved and underserved airports in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, actively involves State Governments in the national aviation growth strategy. Airports and airstrips are identified in consultation with the respective States, which also provide consent for development and support through various incentives such as free land, reduced VAT on aviation turbine fuel (ATF), and cost-sharing for infrastructure and services like security and firefighting. States also play a vital role in land acquisition for greenfield airports and the expansion of existing airport infrastructure. The successful growth of India's aviation sector relies heavily on the collaborative efforts of the central government and various states including Odisha. While the central

government sets the national vision and policies, the states play a critical role in their implementation by providing necessary land and infrastructure support, offering financial and non-financial incentives to promote air travel and creating a supportive environment for airlines and aviation-related businesses.
