

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4746
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st August 2025)
MINI AIRPORT AT KADMATH ISLAND

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is considering the construction of a mini airport at Kadmath Island to improve connectivity, particularly for tourists, patients and students from northern islands such as Kilthan, Chetlat, Bitra and Amini and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Lakshadweep Administration has submitted any proposal in this regard and if so, the details and status thereof;
- (c) whether financial and administrative approvals have been accorded in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Kadmath Island, being an attractive tourist destination, has the potential to emerge as a major tourism spot; and
- (e) if so, whether improved air access is expected to help in tapping this potential and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): In Union Territory of Lakshadweep, eight (8) water aerodromes namely Kavaratti, Minicoy, Agatti, Kalpeni, Bitra, Kadmat, Kiltan, & Bangaram have been identified under UDAN 4.0 & 4.2 for seaplane operation and Kavaratti-Kadmat-Kavaratti route have been awarded to M/s Spice Jet Limited. Commencement of flight services is subject to the readiness of the Water Aerodromes.

Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any Airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

GoI has not received any proposal for 'Site Clearance' under the GFA Policy from the U.T. Administration of Lakshadweep or any Airport Developer for construction of a Greenfield Airport at Kadmath Island of Lakshadweep.
