

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 752

(To be answered on the 4th December 2025)

INCLUSION OF SATI-BHATA AIRSTRIP UNDER UDAN SCHEME

752. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION **नागर विमानन मंत्री** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Sati-Bhata airstrip located in Padampur of Bargarh district, Odisha has potential to boost regional air connectivity and economic activities in Western Odisha and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to include the said airstrip under the Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether any airlines or private operators have submitted proposals to operate flights from Sati-Bhata airstrip under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such operators and the status of approval?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d) Satibhata airstrip in Padampur town of Bargarh district, Odisha is available in the tentative list of unserved airstrips/airports in the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) document.

As per provisions of the UDAN Scheme, revival / up-gradation of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO).

None of the airlines have submitted any proposal to operate RCS flights from

Satibhata airstrip till the completion of five bidding rounds conducted so far. Thus, the airstrip has not been taken up for its revival under the scheme. Commencement of air services is subject to the readiness of the airport.
