

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 895

(To be answered on the 4th December 2025)

DISCONTINUATION OF AFFORDABLE REGIONAL AIR SERVICES

895. SHRI ADHIKARI SOUMENDU

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that various private airline shave withdrawn their affordable regional air services under UDAN schemes in the country causing inconvenience to the people in getting different services including for emergency medical and pilgrimage requirements and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up an airport or starting of airfield services at Haldia; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Some UDAN routes were discontinued by airlines before completing 3 years tenure due to a variety of factors such as COVID 19 pandemic, aircraft shortage, supply chain issues, aircraft maintenance, airport/runway maintenance, low passenger demand on some routes, etc.

(b) & (c): The State Government of West Bengal has not indicated the existence of any airstrip in Haldia for inclusion under the UDAN scheme, nor has any proposal been received from the State Government for development of a greenfield airport at Haldia under the Greenfield Airports Policy 2008.
