

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2161**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th February 2026 )

**AIR CONNECTIVITY IN WEST SINGHBHUM**

2161. SMT JOBA MAJHI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government is aware that West Singhbhum (Chaibasa) is deprived of direct air connectivity despite being a major revenue-generating hub due to iron ore mining and the presence of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), forcing residents to travel about 200 km to Ranchi by treacherous routes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal under the UDAN scheme to upgrade and operationalise the existing airstrip at Chaibasa as a regional airport which could promote industrial activities and tourism in the Saranda forest area and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any feasibility study has been commissioned for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Chaibasa airstrip owned by the State Government, located in the West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand is presently being used as a helipad and does not have an operational runway. However, the airstrip is available in the list of unserved airstrips in the UDAN document. No airline bidder has submitted proposals to operate RCS flights from Chaibasa airstrip till date. As per the provisions of the scheme, revival /upgradation of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator.

In case any airline submits a valid proposal for the operation of RCS flights connecting Chaibasa airstrip in future bidding rounds, the same may be considered as per Scheme provisions.

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