GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1118
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026)

CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORT AT CHITRAKOOT

1118. SMT KRISHNA DEVI SHIVSHANKAR PATEL
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) the present status of the proposed/under-construction airport at Chitrakoot;
(b) the technical, administrative and security standards fulfilled so far for the operation of regular air services from the said airport;
(c) whether the Government proposes to connect Chitrakoot with regional air connectivity under the UDAN Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has made any assessment of the likely impact on local tourism, employment and economic development due to introduction of air services in Chitrakoot; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Chitrakoot Airport was identified for development under the second round of bidding of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN. The airport has been developed at a cost of Rs.32.79 crore and is licensed for 2B-VFR operations.

Under the RCS, routes connecting Chitrakoot with Kanpur, Khajuraho, Prayagraj and Varanasi were awarded to M/s Flybig for the operation of RCS flights. M/s Flybig novated its RCS rights and obligations to M/s Skyhop Aviation Pvt. Ltd. for the said routes. M/s Skyhop is presently in the process of fulfilling regulatory and operational requirements, including obtaining an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) and the acquisition of aircraft.

As per an ICAO study - "Economic benefits of civil aviation: ripples of prosperity", the output and employment multipliers of aviation are 3.25 and 6.10 respectively. This implies that every 100 Rupees spent on air transport contributes to 325 Rupees worth of benefits, and every 100 direct jobs in air transport result in 610 jobs in the economy as a whole.

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