

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 74
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23rd July 2026)
DEVELOPMENT OF JALGAON AIRPORT

74. SMT SMITA UDAY WAGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the potential of Jalgaon Airport as a regional air cargo and export hub for the agricultural, textile, irrigation equipment and manufacturing sectors and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has examined or approved any proposal for extension of the runway at Jalgaon Airport to facilitate operation of larger passenger and cargo aircraft and if so, the details thereof including the implementation timeline fixed in this regard;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration for establishing dedicated air cargo infrastructure, including cargo terminals, warehousing, scanning and cold storage facilities at the said Airport and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the upgradation of Jalgaon Airport for round-the-clock operations through advanced lighting, navigation and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) facilities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to include Jalgaon Airport under the cargo-oriented components of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN to strengthen exports and regional connectivity and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) IN
RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 74 FOR REPLY
ON 23.07.2026 REGARDING "DEVELOPMENT OF JALGAON AIRPORT"
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(a) to (e) The development of cargo facilities at an airport is a continuous process and depends on various factors such as airport development progress, increase in scheduled operations, handling capacity, growth in domestic cargo volumes and demand from airlines. Further, the exporters, based on their commercial viability and requirements, utilize available air cargo facilities in accordance with various determining factors, including the destination, airline operations and the availability of direct or connecting services to the intended destinations. The airlines initiate cargo operations based on their internal assessment of cargo potential, handling capabilities and overall commercial viability of operating from any airport. Facilities are available for movement of domestic air cargo via the domestic passenger terminal at Jalgaon airport.

The Nashirabad-Umale Road passes through the airport land, creating an obstruction to the proposed runway extension. Accordingly, the road needs to be rerouted to enable the airport land to become contiguous and free from operational obstructions. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has prepared a proposal, for expansion of the terminal building from 700 sqm to approximately 1500 sqm, with capacity to handle 300 PAX (150 departing and 150 arriving passengers) during peak hours, along with allied passenger amenities and associated infrastructure, subject to requisite Government approvals, availability of land, and statutory/regulatory clearances. Doppler Very High-Frequency Omni-Directional Range/Distance Measuring Equipment (DVOR/DME) navigational facilities have been installed and operationalised w.e.f. 16.05.2024 at Jalgaon Airport.

Under the UDAN Scheme, Jalgaon Airport was identified for development and operation of UDAN flights. At present, Fly91 is operating UDAN flights connecting Jalgaon-Hyderabad-Jalgaon, Jalgaon-New Goa (MoPA)-Jalgaon and Jalgaon-Pune-Jalgaon. Further, Alliance Air has commenced UDAN flight operations on the Jalgaon-Mumbai-Jalgaon and Jalgaon-Ahmedabad-Jalgaon routes.
