

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3080  
(To be answered on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023)**

**EXPANSION OF BAGDOGRA AIRPORT**

**3080. SHRI RAJU BISTA**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the details on the progress in the construction of new Civil Enclave and expansion of the Bagdogra airport;
- (b) whether the State Government has provided the required land approval for the project and if so, the details thereof and the time-line expected for the completion of the project; and
- (c) whether the Government has considered any proposals for direct flights from Bagdogra to North-East State capitals under UDAN scheme due to high volume of people and goods movement between the region and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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(a): The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has planned development of a new Civil Enclave at Bagdogra Airport (Phase-I) at an estimated cost of Rs.1549 crore. The commencement of work is contingent upon obtaining various clearances and approval from different Departments.

(b): The Government of West Bengal has handed over 98.72 acre land to AAI for the development of the civil enclave. Out of this, 95.20 acre is on leasehold basis for term of 99 years. Remaining 3.52 acre is transferred on ownership basis. Additionally, the Government of West Bengal has consented to hand over 0.35 acre for facilitating separate entry and exit to Bagdogra airport.

The probable date of completion of the project is October, 2026. However, the timelines for airport projects depend upon various factors such as mandatory approvals and clearances, removal of obstacles, financial closure etc. by the respective airport developers.

(c): The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity

**Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a market driven scheme. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN from time to time. However, no valid bid has been received from any airline for operation of flights from the airport.**

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