

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 47  
(To be answered on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

**FUNCTIONAL AIRPORTS AND AIRSTRIPS**

**\*47. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA  
SHRI P P CHAUDHARY**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the number of functional airports/airstrips in the country at present;**
- (b) the number of airports/airstrips out of the said functional airports/airstrips constructed since 2014; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to consider any proposal for airstrip in Pali district in Rajasthan and Hazaribag airport in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)**

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**(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 47 FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2024 REGARDING FUNCTIONAL AIRPORTS AND AIRSTRIPS ASKED BY SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA AND SHRI P P CHOUDHARY**

**(a): At present, there are 157 operational aerodromes (including heliports and water aerodromes) in the country.**

**(b): Since 2014, 83 aerodromes have been constructed/ made operational in the country.**

**(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 demand-driven scheme. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations is developed under the 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme as No-frills airport. Due to non-availability of the airstrip, Pali (Falna) has not been included in the UDAN scheme document for bidding. Hazaribagh airstrip was identified for operation of RCS flights between Hazaribagh & Kolkata. However, development / upgradation of the airport could not be taken up due to land constraints. The upgradation of infrastructures/facilities at airports, including extension of runways and expansion of terminal buildings, is a continuous process, which is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) or the concerned Airport Operator depending upon operational requirements, traffic, demand, commercial feasibility, availability of land etc.**

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