

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3952
(To be answered on the 12th December 2019)**

UPGRADATION OF BILASPUR AIRPORT

3952. SHRI ARUN SAO

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether 2C VFR-ATR 42 category licence was issued to Chakarbhatha-Bilaspur Airport by DGCA on 6 December, 2018 under UDAN scheme of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a proposal to upgrade Jagdalpur Airport of Chhattisgarh to 3C VFR category has been sent to DGCA;
- (d) if so, the details of the decision taken by the Government thereon;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to upgrade Bilaspur Airport to 3C VFR category and start air services from Bilaspur along with Jagdalpur;
- (f) if so, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken by the Government thereon; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): Bilaspur Aerodrome was licensed with Aerodrome Reference Code '2C' under public use category for day Visual Flight Rules (VFR) operation on 06 December, 2018.

(c) & (d): A proposal to upgrade Jagdalpur Airport to 3C VFR category from the Government of Chhattisgarh has been examined by DGCA and deficiencies have been communicated to the State Government for compliance.

(e) to (g): Both Bilaspur and Jagdalpur Airports have been developed under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN of Government of India. State Government of Chhattisgarh has commenced work to upgrade the Bilaspur Airport for 3C VFR Category. Routes awarded under 1st round of RCS bidding for Bilaspur have been cancelled due to non-compliance of Agreement by the Selected Airline Operator and no valid bid for operation of RCS flights connecting Bilaspur have been received in further rounds of RCS bidding. Further, under 3rd round of RCS bidding, routes connecting Hyderabad, Raipur, Vishakhapatnam and Bhubaneswar to Jagdalpur have been awarded to Selected Airline Operators.
