

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3051  
(To be answered on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

FLIGHT FROM BILASPUR

3051. SHRI ARUN SAO

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the protests held regularly for early commencement of flights from Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the DGCA had issued a license for the 2C VFR-ATR 42 category to the Charkarbhatta-Bilaspur Airport under the UDAN Yojana of the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a proposal has been sent to the DGCA for upgradation of Jagdalpur Airport in Chhattisgarh to 3C VFR category and if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to commence flights from Bilaspur along with Jagdalpur after upgradation of Bilaspur Airport to 3C VFR category; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the Government is likely to take a decision in this regard?

ANSWER

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(a) to (e): State Government of Chhattisgarh has developed airports at Bilaspur and Jagdalpur with the technical assistance of Airports Authority of India (AAI). Bilaspur and Jagdalpur airports are licensed for Code 2C type of aircraft. Government of Chhattisgarh submitted proposal for upgradation of Jagdalpur for 3C category. Operationalization of Jagdalpur Airport for 3C Category depends on the compliance of the relevant Regulations/Civil Aviation Requirements by the State Government, being the operator of the Airport. After first round of bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), RCS routes connecting Bilaspur and Jagdalpur were awarded to Selected Airline Operator (SAO), which were subsequently terminated/cancelled due to non-compliance of SAO agreement by SAO. However, no valid bid for operation of RCS flights connecting Bilaspur was received in subsequent rounds till completion of third round of bidding under the scheme. Details of the routes connecting Jagdalpur, awarded to the SAO after completion of third round of bidding under RCS - UDAN, are attached as Annexure. SAOs under RCS - UDAN are obligated to commence RCS flight operations on an RCS-route within a period of six months from the issuance of Letter of Award or within two months from the readiness of airport, whichever is later, unless any extension is granted by the Implementing Agency.

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Statement referred to in reply of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3051 of 12.03.2020

Details of the routes connecting Jagdalpur awarded to the SAOs after completion of third round of bidding under RCS - UDAN

From	To
Jagdarpur	Hyderabad
Hyderabad	Jagdarpur
Jagdarpur	Raipur
Raipur	Jagdarpur
Jagdarpur	Vishakhapatnam
Vishakhapatnam	Jagdarpur
Jagdarpur	Bhubaneswar
Bhubaneswar	Jagdarpur
Jagdarpur	Hyderabad
Hyderabad	Jagdarpur