

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3568  
(To be answered on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022)**

**UPGRADATION OF AIRSTRIPS IN THE COUNTRY**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

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**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the details of airstrips indicating separately the inoperative or rarely operative airstrips in the country, location-wise;
- (b) the details of revenue generated and expenditure incurred on maintaining these inoperative or rarely operative airstrips in the country during the last three years and the current year, airstrip-wise;
- (c) the reasons for large number of airstrips in the country lying unused;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make these airstrips operational and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard till date; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government for the upgradation and modernisation of major airstrips in various States of the country?

**ANSWER**

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

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- (a): The list of non-operational airports of Airports Authority of India(AAI) is enclosed as Annexure-I.
- (b): The airport-wise details of Revenue and Expenditure for the last three Financial Years in respect of non-operational airports of AAI is enclosed as Annexure-II.
- (c) to (e): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. An airport /airstrip /helipad /heliport /water aerodrome which is included in the awarded routes of RCS - UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under the "Revival of unserved and underserved airports"

**scheme. The Government of India has approved an amount of Rs. 4500 crore for revival/upgradation of airports awarded under the "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme. Up till now, on the basis of four round of biddings under UDAN, 948 valid routes have been allotted to various airlines connecting 154 RCS airports including 14 water aerodromes & 36 Helipads in 31 States/UTs which have been identified for operation of RCS flights in the country. As on 17-03-2022, 409 RCS routes have been commenced connecting 66 airports which have been operationalized and include 2 Water Aerodrome & 8 Heliports.**

**Expansion and development of airports including those in metro cities is a continuous process and is undertaken by AAI or the concerned airport operator from time to time depending upon commercial viability, traffic demand, availability of land etc. Issues of land availability for expansion and development of airports are regularly taken up with the Concerned stakeholders including respective State Governments. Based on the demand, the concerned airport operators at Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad airports have undertaken expansion work.**

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Annexure-I

NON-OPERATIONAL AIRPORTS OF AAI		
S.No.	Name of airport	State
1	ASANSOL	WEST BENGAL
2	AIZAWL (TURAL)	MIZORAM
3	BALURGHAT	WEST BENGAL
4	CHAKULIA	JHARKHAND
5	DAPARIZO	ARUNACHAL PRADESH
6	DEESA	GUJARAT
7	DEOGHAR	JHARKHAND
8	DHALBHUMGARH	JHARKHAND
9	DONAKONDA	ANDHRA PRADESH
10	JOGBANI	BIHAR
11	KAILASHAHAR	TRIPURA
12	KAMALPUR	TRIPURA
13	KHANDWA	MADHYA PRADESH
14	KHOWAI	TRIPURA
15	MALDA	WEST BENGAL
16	MUZAFFARPUR	BIHAR
17	NADIRGUL	TELANGANA
18	PANNA	MADHYA PRADESH
19	RAXAUL	BIHAR
20	SATNA	MADHYA PRADESH
21	SHELLA	MEGHALAYA
22	VELLORE	TAMIL NADU
23	WARANGAL	TELANGANA
24	THANJAVUR (C.E.)	TAMIL NADU

Annexure-II

**AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**  
**STATEMENT SHOWING AIRPORT-WISE REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND PROFITABILITY FOR LAST 3 YEARS FY 2018-19 TO FY 2020-21**  
**AND REVISED ESTIMATES FOR THE FY 2021-22**

(Amt. In Crore)

SL No	Name of Airport	State	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		21-22 (REVISED ESTIMATE)	
			REVENUE	EXP	REVENUE	EXP	Revenue	EXP	Revenue	EXP
1	ASANSOL	WEST BENGAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	BALURGHAT	WEST BENGAL	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07
3	CHAKULIA	JHARKHAND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	DAPARIZO	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	DEESA	GUJARAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	DEOGARH	JHARKHAND	0.01	0.42	0.00	8.01	0.00	16.46	0.01	19.45
7	DONAKONDA	ANDHRA PRADESH	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.16
8	JOGBANI	BIHAR	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.29
9	KAILASHAHAR	TRIPURA	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	KAMALPUR	TRIPURA	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	KHANDWA	MADHYA PRADESH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	KHOWAI	TRIPURA	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	MALDA	WEST BENGAL	0.02	0.16	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
14	MUZAFFARPUR	BIHAR	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.19
15	NADIRGUL	TELANGANA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	PANNA	MADHYA PRADESH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	RAXUAL	BIHAR	0.00	0.26	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.26
18	SATNA	MADHYA PRADESH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	SHELLA	MEGHALAYA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	THANJAVUR	TAMIL NADU	0.01	0.18	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	AIZAWL (TURAL)	MIZORAM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	VELLORE	TAMIL NADU	0.01	0.94	0.00	1.78	0.00	2.44	0.00	2.13
23	WARANGAL	TELANGANA	0.00	0.56	0.00	0.55	0.00	0.59	0.00	0.57
24	DHALBHUMGHARH	JHARKHAND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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