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FLIGHT SERVICES AT MORADABAD AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION **नागर विमानन मंत्री** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the current status of Moradabad Airport;
- (b) the time by which Moradabad Airport is expected to be fully operational and the details of the plans for commencement of flight services;
- (c) the measures being taken to ensure the airport's sustainability and to minimize environmental impact; and
- (d) the plans for providing cargo and logistics facilities at Moradabad Airport?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): Moradabad airport was identified and developed under the UDAN scheme and was licensed as a Category 2B airport.

Flybig began RCS flights on the Moradabad-Lucknow route on 10 August 2024 but discontinued services from 3 November 2024 due to poor visibility and daytime runway closures at Lucknow during resurfacing works.

On 22.09.2025, Flybig assigned and novated its contractual rights and obligations under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) to the new entrant airline Skyhop Aviation Private Limited. Skyhop is currently completing regulatory and operational requirements, including obtaining the AOC and acquiring aircraft.

To ensure the sustained flight operation, the scheme offers financial support in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and other concessions to the airline operators. Airlines are granted a three-year exclusivity on the awarded routes to encourage long-term commitment.

Periodic rebidding of discontinued routes and continuous co-ordination with key stakeholders is undertaken to resolve operational challenges.

(d): Development of cargo facilities depends on various factors such as airport development progress, increase in scheduled operations, handling capacity, growth in domestic cargo volumes and demand from airlines. The airlines initiate cargo operations based on their internal assessment of cargo potential, handling capabilities and overall commercial viability of operating from any airport.
