

## **Airports Authority of India**

### **Press Release**

#### **Jharkhand's Bokaro Airport to connect with Patna and Kolkata under RCS-UDAN**

**New Delhi, 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2020:** Airports Authority of India, in its continuous endeavor to link under-served and un-served airports through RCS routes, is developing the airport at Bokaro in Jharkhand state, for commencement of civil flight operations. The city will be connected to Patna and Kolkata under Regional Connectivity Scheme.

Presently, Bokaro Airport is an aerodrome owned and handled by Bokaro Steel Plant, SAIL. Currently the airport is handling non-scheduled flights operation for SAIL aircraft or VIP movement. For commencement of scheduled flight operations, AAI has undertaken the development work at an estimated cost of Rs 46 Crore which includes construction of terminal building along with associated facilities like ESS, Car Parking, ATC tower, Security huts, Fire Station.

The terminal is being designed to process 300 passengers during peak hours. The work for strengthening and re-carpeting of runway, apron and taxi track is also underway to make the airport suitable for operation of ATR-72 Aircraft. Raising of existing boundary wall, construction of new boundary wall and provision of connecting & approach roads is also part of the development project.

Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for enhancement of Regional Air Connectivity under RCS-UDAN at the SAIL owned Airports; Burnpur, Rourkela and Bokaro.

More than 80% of the project work is completed and soon airport will be ready for civil operations. The operationalization of Bokaro Airport will help boost the local economy of the city and provide better connectivity to the air travelers especially the business class.

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