

Airports Authority of India

Press Release

UDAN flights to steel cities soon - AAI signed MoU with SAIL for enhancing connectivity at Burnpur, Rourkela and Bokaro

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.

As a result of this initiative, the three steel cities in the states of West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand are soon likely to feature on the country's aviation map. The MoU was signed on 23rd April, 2018 by Shri I. N. Murthy Member (Operations), AAI and Shri Atul Srivastava, Director Personnel, SAIL in presence of Ms. Usha Padhee, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and other senior officials.

As per the MoU, AAI as the implementing agency for RCS-UDAN will operate and manage Airport Operations (City side as well as Air Side) on behalf of SAIL for three years and the arrangement will be reviewed after three years with mutual consent. The cost of terminal and airside maintenance/operations will be borne by SAIL directly except ANS operations. As a part of this partnership, AAI will provide all the necessary technical guidance and support.

Ministry of Civil Aviation and AAI expressed their pleasure as the commencement of scheduled operations under RCS at three steel cities will help boost the local economies of these cities and provide better connectivity to the air travelers”.

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Shri. I.N. Murthy, Member (Operations), AAI and Shri, Atul Srivastava, Director Personnel, SAIL during signing of MoU in presence of Ms. Usha Padhee, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and other senior officials.