

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT GWALIOR
WP No. 42992 of 2025
(SHRI SUDARSHAN JHAVAR Vs UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS)

Dated : 11-11-2025

Shri Siddharth Sijoriya and Shri Madhur Bhargava - Advocates for the petitioner.

Shri Praveen Newaskar - Dy. Solicitor General for respondent No.1/UOI.

Shri Vivek Khedkar - Senior Advocate/Additional Advocate General with Shri Ravindra Dixit - Government Advocate and Shri Ankur Mody - Additional Advocate General for respondents No.2 and 5.

Heard on admission.

The instant petition is preferred by the petitioner who happens to be the President of Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India, Gwalior (CREDAI) and filed this petition in the nature of Public Interest Litigation because of alleged poor connectivity of flights from Gwalior Airport to different Airports of country.

It is the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that in 2016, UDAN Policy (Annexure P/4) was promulgated by Government of India and to serve the common man's interest, low cost flights facilities were conceptualized. As per the said policy, new Airports were commissioned at different parts of the country and even at remote as well as small places. In pursuance thereof, State Government also initiated Madhya Pradesh Civil Aviation Policy, 2025 (Annexure P/7) in which small stations are to be connected through air facilities and airports/helipads/heliports and allied infrastructure is directed to be created for development of air traffic. This is intended to give common man an excess to Intra

State air services.

It is further submitted that in last 10 years, whole scenario of Indian aviation is changed, many players have come into fray and many small places are being connected through air services. However, as submitted, Gwalior is lagging behind. It is the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that at Gwalior new airport with around 500 crores rupees' investment is constructed (Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Airport), however three flights are operational from such big airport, despite the fact that much traffic is available for aviation companies because people from Gwalior use to move to different parts of the country regularly and frequently. Therefore, it is not paucity of passengers but will is lacking to start new routes and regular flights.

Considering the submissions, let counsel for Union of India Shri Praveen Kumar Newaskar (Sy. Solicitor General) and Shri Vivek Khedkar and Shri Ankur Mody (Additional Advocate Generals) seek instructions regarding implementation of their respective policies and steps likely to be taken in this regard. Instructions be furnished within three weeks and thereafter, matter shall be heard on admission.

List after three weeks in the month of December, 2025.

(ANAND PATHAK)
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