

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th March 2020)**

DEVELOPING AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- a) Whether Government proposed to develop more than 100 airports under UDAN scheme;
- b) If so, the details thereof including time by which it would be completed in the country especially in Tamil Nadu;
- c) The total budget allocation specifically made in the 2020-21 budget and proposed in the next five years; and
- d) Whether PPP mode would be adopted for development of airports and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) & (b): Government of India has planned to develop 100 airports/heliports/waterdromes under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN). Airport Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency has completed three rounds of e-bidding, since launching of the scheme in October, 2016. The validity of the scheme is 10 years. The airports which are awarded under RCS-UDAN in subsequent rounds of bidding will be adding up to the numbers during the currency of the scheme.

RCS routes connecting airports namely Neyveli, Ramnad, Vellore and Tanjore in Tamil Nadu have been awarded to the Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) so far.

(c) & (d): RCS UDAN is a self financing scheme which is funded by a levy imposed on scheduled airline operators per departure on certain flights within India. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal for

revival of existing un-served / underserved airports/airstrips/heliports/waterdromes of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India, Public Sector Undertakings and Civil Enclaves at an estimated cost of Rs. 4500 Crore. Since, the objective of RCS-UDAN is to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable, currently there is no plan for development of airports under PPP mode under RCS-UDAN scheme.
