

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 312
ANSWERED ON 30/11/2021

SEA PLANE FACILITY AT SABARMATI RIVER

312. SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the facility of sea plane (water aerodrome) started on Sabarmati river for passengers in the year 2020 is still operational;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the efforts being made by Government to make it operational soon; and
- (d) the number of other places where this facility has been started or is under consideration, and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c) Under Regional Connectivity scheme (RCS)- UDAN(Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), the seaplane service between Sabarmati River Front & Statue of Unity commenced on 31st October , 2020. Later , the same was stopped by the selected Airline Operator(SAO) from 11th April, 2021 due to operational reasons. Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has taken up the matter with the concerned stakeholders for making seaplane operations viable. MoCA has also signed an MoU with M/o Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) for development of Seaplane services.

(d) Following Water aerodromes have been identified in the states of Gujarat, Assam, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshdweep details under UDAN Scheme:

1. Sardar Sarovar Dam (Statue of Unity) in Gujarat
2. Sabarmati River Front, Ahemdabad, Gujarat
3. Shatrunjay Dam in Gujarat
4. Swaraj Dweep in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

5. Havelock Island in Andaman & Nicobar Islands
6. Shaheed Dweep (Neil Island) in Andaman & Nicobar Islands
7. Guwahati riverfront in Assam
8. Umrangso Reservoir in Assam
9. Nagarjuna Sagar Dam in Telangana
10. Prakasam Barrange in Andhra Pradesh
11. Minicoy in Lakshdweep Islands
12. Kavaratti in Lakshdweep Islands
13. Portblair in Andaman & Nicobar Islands
14. Agatti in Laskhdweep Islands
