

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2725
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th March 2022)

COVERAGE OF KRISHI UDAN YOJNA IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) the main objectives of Krishi Udan Yojna;
- (b) the location from where this service is likely to be started;
- (c) the names of the districts of Tamil Nadu with which this service is likely to be connected;
- (d) whether this service is likely to be started from tribal districts of Tamil Nadu also;
- (e) if so, the districts identified for this purpose; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

- (a) The main objectives of Krishi Udan Yojna are to increase the share of air freight in the modal mix for transportation of agri-produce, which includes horticulture, fishery, livestock & processed products. The Yojana seeks to achieve better convergence on various components catering to the development of sustainable and resilient agri-produce value chains across various schemes of the Central and State Governments as well as the resources committed by the private sector. The supply chain is being improved by:
- (i) providing more air connectivity (national and international) between origin destination airports.
 - (ii) improving infrastructure and performance in processing of air cargo by all stakeholders, including Agri produce, horticulture, fisheries, livestock products at airports and off-airport facilities, by regulatory Participating Governmental Agencies (PGAs).
 - (iii) imparting special focus to air freight of organic and natural produce of North-Eastern Region, Tribal and Hilly Districts.
 - (iv) achieving better and timely mapping of Agri-produce production/ supply centres with domestic demand clusters and international markets in sync with the marketing strategies.

(v) promoting adoption of plant and animal quarantine and other regulatory requirements (at airport) in the export supply chains end-to-end.
(vi) enabling paperless and contactless interface with all stakeholders through digitization and digitalization via integration with existing e-platforms and their creation wherever required.

(b) Primarily the scheme was focusing on 25 airports of North-Eastern Region, Hilly and Tribal region namely Agartala, Agatti, Barapani, Dehradun, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Gaggal, Imphal, Jammu, Jorhat, Kullu (Bhuntar), Leh, Lengpui, Lilabari, Pakyong, Pantnagar, Pithoragarh, Port Blair, Raipur, Ranchi, Rupsi, Shimla, Silchar, Srinagar and Tezu. Subsequently, other 28 AAI airports, namely, Adampur (Jalandhar), Agra, Amritsar, Bagdogra, Bareilly, Bhuj, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Goa, Gorakhpur, Hindon, Indore, Jaisalmer, Jamnagar, Jodhpur, Kanpur (Chakeri), Kolkata, Nasik, Pathankot, Patna, Prayagraj, Pune, Rajkot, Tezpur, Trichy, Trivandrum, Varanasi and Visakhapatnam have been included in the Scheme.

(c) to (f): Coimbatore and Trichy Airport in Tamil Nadu are selected airports under the Krishi Udan Scheme. Krishi Udan is an ongoing Scheme and is reviewed from time to time in consultation with stakeholders.
