

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 513**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022)

**NEW AIRPORTS IN THE NORTH EASTERN REGION**

513. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up new airports in the North Eastern Region and will include small aircrafts for transport in the region to boost tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any new study has been taken up to improve helicopter services in the region due to a number of accidents recorded in the region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes" Scheme.

Rupsi, Tezu, Jorhat, Lilabari, Shillong, Pakyong & Dimapur have been operationalized under UDAN in the States of North Eastern Region for connecting remote and inaccessible area including tourist destinations. Two Advanced landing Grounds namely Pasighat and Ziro have also been operationalized in Arunachal Pradesh under the scheme "Providing Air Connectivity and Aviation Infrastructure in NER (North Eastern Region)".

(c): No Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

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