

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO : 127
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th March 2023)

UDAN SCHEME IN MARATHWADA REGION OF MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) whether the districts in the Marathwada region specifically Aurangabad, Nanded, Osmanabad, Jalna and Parbhani are covered under the UDAN scheme;
- (b) the details of achievements under the scheme in the Marathwada region since the inception of the scheme, district-wise;
- (c) the criteria for the districts to be selected under the scheme;
- (d) whether Government plans to set up new airports in the Marathwada region;
- (e) whether Government plans to expand the current flight routes at the Nanded airport under the UDAN scheme; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 127 REGARDING "UDAN SCHEME IN MARATHWADA REGION OF MAHARASHTRA" TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023.

(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. Districts are not chosen and only lists of Unserved and Underserved Airports / Airstrips in the country are provided under the UDAN Scheme document.

Under the UDAN scheme, the unserved & underserved airports / airstrips namely Jalgaon, Kolhapur, Sholapur, Ozar (Nasik), Nanded, Amravati, Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri and Gondia have been identified / awarded in the State of Maharashtra to operate the flights. The list of Airports / Airstrips (Unserved and Underserved) are finalised in consultation with the State Governments, and are shared for information of stakeholders from time to time. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.

Airports namely Jalgaon, Kolhapur, Ozar (Nasik), Nanded, Gondia and Sindhudurg involving 67 routes have been operationalised with UDAN flights.

(e) & (f): UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. If any valid bid is received in future round of UDAN for connecting airports / airstrips including Nanded of Maharashtra, same shall be considered as per the provisions of the scheme document.
