

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1128
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th February 2023)

**COMPREHENSIVE ARMED SECURITY COVER UNDER UDAN
SCHEME**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any step to get comprehensive armed security cover of airports under UDAN scheme;
- (b) the function and expected goals to be met under UDAN scheme; and
- (c) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (c): As provided under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), security at RCS Airports is provided by State Police. However, 14 RCS airports are under Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) security cover. 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. The scheme has been able to provide air connectivity to Tier-2 & Tier-3 cities at affordable airfares and has transformed the way people travel. As on 31.01.2023, over 2.16 lakh UDAN flights have operated and over 1.13 crore passengers have availed the benefits in UDAN flights so far.
