

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2106
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th March 2023)**

UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) the number of existing and newly established routes under UDAN scheme since inception;
- (b) the number of air strips under UDAN scheme that are currently operational;
- (c) the number of flights utilising operational air strips since inception of UDAN scheme;
- (d) the total amount collected in Regional Connectivity Fund (RCF) since inception of UDAN scheme; and
- (e) the detailed allocation of the amount collected in RCF since the inception of UDAN scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (c): 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 self-financing scheme. Under UDAN, 469 routes connecting 74 unserved and underserved airports including 9 Heliports & 2 water aerodromes have been operationalised as on 28.02.2023. More than 2.21 lakh UDAN flights have operated as on 28.02.2023.

(d) & (e): The funds collected under RACFT (Regional Air Connectivity Fund Trust) since inception is Rs. 2683 crore. Viability Gap Funding (VGF) amount of around Rs. 2433 crore has been released to Selected Airline Operators as on 28.02.2023 for the operation of UDAN flights.
