

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 321
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th February 2023)**

UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) whether UDAN Scheme has transformed the aviation sector making air travel accessible for common man;
- (b) if so, the number of small and medium cities which are connected by air service to big cities and the details of the routes where air service has started;
- (c) the number of people travelled so far under the UDAN Scheme; and
- (d) the number of additional airports which are operational now due to UDAN Scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable for the common man. UDAN has transformed the way people travel from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities of the country. Regional airports like Jharsuguda, Kishangarh, Belgaum, Hubli, Darbhanga, etc. have been witnessing exponential growth in air traffic.

Under the UDAN scheme, as on 31.01.2023, a total of 461 routes have commenced, operationalising 73 Airports including 2 Water Aerodromes & 9 Heliports. Over 113 lakh passengers have travelled by UDAN flights since its inception.
