

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 344  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023)**

**STATUS OF UDAN SCHEME IN UP**

344. SMT GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA

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

- (a) the number of places in the country where the air services have been operationalized under the UDAN scheme;
- (b) whether any air service has been operationalized in the State of Uttar Pradesh also under the UDAN scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will consider starting air services at Saifai in Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh under the UDAN scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether starting air services in Saifai could be considered in future?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses which includes airports/heliports/water aerodromes. 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

(b): After four rounds of bidding under UDAN, 18 (Eighteen) airports namely Agra, Aligarh, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur, Chitrakoot, Ayodhya, Ghazipur, Jhansi, Moradabad, Kushinagar, Meerut, Muirpur, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Saharanpur, Fursatganj & Hindon have been identified in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

UDAN flight operations have commenced from Agra, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur, Hindon and Kushinagar airports.

(c) & (d): Saifai in Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh is available in the list of unserved airports in the UDAN Scheme Document. None of the airline bidders

have submitted any proposal to operate UDAN flights from Saifai till the completion of four bidding rounds.

If any airline submits a valid bid for operation of UDAN flights from Etawah, under the forthcoming rounds of bidding, the same shall be considered as per the provisions of the UDAN Scheme document.

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