

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 351**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023)

**AIRPORTS CONVERTED INTO COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY**

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

- (a) the number of airports converted into commercial airports in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government also proposes to convert the airports in Rajasthan into commercial airports, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of airports in Rajasthan planned to be commercialized and whether they have been identified, the details thereof?

**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 enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes" Scheme. Till date, 461 routes have commenced with 73 unserved/underserved airports including 09 Heliports and 02 water aerodromes operationalised under Regional Connectivity Scheme - UDAN including 40 routes in Rajasthan. Six Airports have been identified under UDAN in the State of Rajasthan out of which Bikaner, Jaisalmer & Kishangargh have been operationalised. Scheduled flight operations under RCS-UDAN have also commenced from Darbhanga, Bareilly, Rupsi, Tezu, Kushinagar, Gondia, Keshod, Deoghar, Hollongi and Rourkela airports during the last three years. Under Greenfield Airport Policy, 2008, Government of India has been accorded 'in principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield airports. So far, ten Greenfield airports have been operationalized including Durgapur, Sindhudurg, Oravakal, Kushinagar, Itanagar and Mopa, Goa in the last three years.

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