

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO : 108
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31st July 2023)

**NEW HELIPORTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH UNDER UDAN-2
PROGRAM**

*108. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to construct new heliports in Himachal Pradesh under the UDAN -2 project;
- (b) if so, the number of heliports proposed to be built in Himachal Pradesh; and
- (c) the total amount likely to be spent on the construction of new heliports in Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 108 REGARDING "NEW HELIPORTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH UNDER UDAN-2 PROGRAM" TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

(a) to (c): In the Budget 2023-24, the Government announced the revival of 50 additional Airports/Heliports/Water Aerodrome for improving regional air connectivity. An amount of Rs. 1000 Crore has been earmarked for this purpose. Identification of such airports/Heliports/Water Aerodromes is carried out on the basis of various rounds of bidding under under RCS which is an ongoing process. Based on the assessment of demand, helicopter operators submit bids for operating routes under UDAN. If any helipad is included in an awarded network of helicopter routes and requires development, it is taken up for development/upgradation under the scheme.

In the 2nd round of bidding under UDAN, 6 heliports were identified for RCS operations in Himachal Pradesh, namely Kasauli, Manali, Mandi, Nathpa Jhakri, Rampur and Shimla (Sanjauli). Out of these Mandi and Rampur have been operationalised.
