

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1612**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS**

1612. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any step for the infrastructure development of airports in various parts of the country including several cities of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government has included airports in some districts of Uttar Pradesh under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS); and
- (c) if so, the details of the proposed plan for air connectivity with other cities?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (c): The Government has formulated the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 to provide a conducive ecosystem for overall growth of the Indian Aviation Sector, which involves infrastructure development of airports through Greenfield projects as well as under the UDAN scheme.

12 Greenfield airports have been built and operationalised since 2014. 76 unserved/underserved airports, including 2 Water Aerodromes and 9 Heliports have been operationalised under the UDAN scheme since the inception of the scheme in 2016.

Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other airport developers have targeted capital outlay of approximately Rs. 98,000 crore in the airports sector during 2019-24 for expansion and modification of existing terminals, strengthening of runways and developing Greenfield Airports among other activities to develop aviation infrastructure in the country.

Under the scheme for 'Revival and development of airports, heliports and water aerodromes' for making airports operational, in Phase-I of the Scheme, Rs. 4500 Crores was allocated for this purpose out of which Rs. 3751 Crores have been utilised so far. Rs. 1000 Crores has been provided under Phase-II of the Scheme.

In the state of Uttar Pradesh, 18 airports , namely, Agra, Aligarh, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur, Chitrakoot, Ayodhya, Ghazipur, Jhansi, Moradabad, Kushinagar, Meerut, Muirpur, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Saharanpur, Hindon and Fursatganj have been identified for development and operationalisation under the RCS-UDAN .

Flights operations under RCS from Agra, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur (Chakeri), Hindon and Kushinagar have commenced. Development work at four airports, namely, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot and Shravasti have been completed and licensing work is in progress. Moradabad airport has been licensed on 17.11.2023.

69 routes have so far been operationalised under RCS-UDAN in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

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