

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 22
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th December 2023)

NEW AIRPORTS IN THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH

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

- a) the total number of new airports developed in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years;
- b) the number of flights being operated from airports in Uttar Pradesh at present; and
- c) the total number of airports proposed in Uttar Pradesh, the details of the number of airports where work has been started out of the proposed airports?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): A new airport at Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh has been developed and operationalised in October, 2021.

Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) on 21st October, 2016 to promote regional air connectivity by making flying affordable for the common populace. The idea is to put small-town on the aviation map by encouraging airlines to fly on more regional routes.

Since its launch, RCS - UDAN has significantly increased the regional air connectivity in Uttar Pradesh(UP). UP is the only state where eighteen (18) RCS airports namely Agra, Aligarh, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur, Chitrakoot, Ayodhya, Gazipur, Jhansi, Moradabad, Kushinagar, Meerut, Muirpur, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Saharanpur, Hindon & Fursatganj have been identified under various rounds of bidding under RCS.

RCS Flights operation from Agra, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur (Chakeri), Hindon & Kushinagar have already commenced.

The development work of four airports namely Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, & Shravasti has been completed and licensing work is in progress. Moradabad airport work has been completed and has been licensed on 17.11.2023.

(b): Currently, as per approved Winter Schedule-2023, Scheduled domestic airlines have proposed to operate scheduled flights from 09 airports i.e. (Agra, Prayagraj Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Varanasi, Kanpur, Hindon, Bareilly, Kushinagar) in Uttar Pradesh with 1033 departures per week.

(c): At present, two new airports i.e. Noida(Jewar) International Airport by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh & Ayodhya Airport by Airports Authority of India are under development in Uttar Pradesh.
