

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 178
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2024
RCS-UDAN SCHEME

178. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE

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

(a) total valid routes under RCS-UDAN Scheme that have been operationalized since its launch;

(b) whether it is a fact that the work relating to revival/ development of several airports/ heliports/ water aerodromes could not be completed even by March 2023; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that operations could not be commenced or were discontinued at several airports/ heliports/ water aerodromes even after incurring an expenditure of Rs. 1,089 crore. if so, the details and reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

(a): A total of 519 routes have been operationalised under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) since its launch.

(b): At present, 76 airports including 2 water aerodromes and 9 heliports have been operationalised under the UDAN scheme. 4 airports are ready for operation of RCS flights. Development works of the 09 airports/heliports have been completed and licensing is in progress. The development works of 17 airports/Heliports are in progress under the UDAN scheme. The development work of the remaining airports, is in the planning stage.

(c): Presently 18 Airports, including 2 Water Aerodromes, are temporarily non-operational due to various reasons such as shut

down of some airlines like Jet airways, Zoom air, TruJet, Deccan air, Air Odisha, due to higher maintenance costs, lower availability of trained pilots, lack of MRO facilities in the country, owing to completion of 3 years VGF tenure, shortage of aircraft, shortage of spare parts & engines & low PLF etc.
