

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1951

To be answered on
Thursday, August 8, 2024/ Sravana 17, 1946 Saka

QUESTION
Air connectivity in the North Eastern Region

1951. Shri Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba:

Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of North Eastern States connected via air since 2014;
- (b) the status of ongoing and proposed air connectivity projects in the region;
- (c) the details of air traffic to the region over the last three years; and
- (d) whether Government is planning for air connectivity, particularly for interior hill town in Manipur, through heli service, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]

(a) Two North Eastern States, namely, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim have been connected via air after 2014. Four Airports, namely, Pasighat, Hollongi, Tezu and Ziro have been operationalised in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, and Pakyong airport has been operationalised in Sikkim. 12 Airports including 02 Heliports have been operationalised in the North Eastern States under the UDAN scheme so far.

(b) The details are at **Annexure-A**.

(c) The details of air traffic to the North Eastern Region over the last three years are at **Annexure-B**.

(d) During the 2nd round of bidding, five helipads, namely, Jiribam, Moreh, Parbung, Tamenglong and Thanlon were identified in the State of Manipur for development and operation of Helicopter Operations under RCS.Pawan Hans Ltd. (PHL), a CPSE has started Helicopter Operations from Tamenglong (H) and Jiribam (H) under RCS from 13th March 2024 on the following routes;

- Imphal – Tamenglong (H)- Imphal
- Jiribam (H)- Tamenglong (H)- Jiribam (H)
- Imphal-Jirbam (H)- Imphal

(as referred to in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1951

for answer on 08.08.2024)

**The status of ongoing and proposed air connectivity projects in the region under UDAN
scheme**

S. N.	State	Airport/Heliport/ WA	Budget allocation in Rs. (Crores)	Remarks
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Daparizo (H)	9.03	Work in progress
2.		Itanagar(H)	8.53	Terminal Building work in progress
3.		Tuting (H)	6.72	Work in progress.
4.		Walong (H)	5.42	Work completed.
5.		Yinghiong (H)	0.93	OLS studies Survey work completed.
6.		Ziro (H)	7.06	Work completed.
7.		Miao (H)	13.00	Under Planning
8.		Vijaynagar (H)	13.00	Under Planning
9.	Assam	Geleki (H)	3.00	Tenders invited by State Govt.
10.		Guwahati River Front (W)	8.00	Tender action for WA
11.		Kaziranga(W)	Not allocated	During 10th PEC, the development fund was not allocated. State Government has requested vide letter dated 03.08.23 to change of location namely Silghat in place of Kaziranga (WA).
12.		Nagaon(H)	6.00	Work in progress.
13.	Manipur	Moreh(H)	9.10	Work held up since May 2023
14.		Parbung(H)	8.32	Work held up since May 2023
15.		Thanlon(H)	11.59	Work held up since May 2023
16.	Meghalaya	Tura	0.45	Feasibility study report submitted to the State Govt. OLS studies and survey work completed.
17.	Nagaland	Phek (H)	13.00	Under Planning
18.		Kohima (H)	13.00	Under Planning

S. N.	State	Airport/Heliport/ WA	Budget allocation in Rs. (Crores)	Remarks
19.		Zunheboto (H)	13.00	Under Planning
20.		Tuensang (H)	13.00	Under Planning
21.		Mokokchung (H)	13.00	Under Planning
22.	Sikkim	Pelling, West (H)	13.00	Under Planning
23.		Gangtok, East (H)	13.00	Under Planning
24.		Namchi, South (H)	13.00	Under Planning
	Total		214.15	

Note: (H) for Heliport and (W) for Water Aerodrome.

(as referred to in reply to part (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1951
for answer on 08.08.2024)

Aircraft Movement and Passenger handled at Airports in North East Region during 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 (In Numbers)

Airport	2021-2022						2022-2023						2023-2024					
	Aircraft Movement			Passenger			Aircraft Movement			Passenger			Aircraft Movement			Passenger		
	Domestic	Inter national	Total	Domestic	Inter national	Total	Domestic	Inter national	Total	Domestic	Inter national	Total	Domestic	Inter national	Total	Domestic	Inter national	Total
AGARTALA	8272	0	8272	901206	0	901206	12203	0	12203	1386087	0	1386087	10906	0	10906	1470670	0	1470670
AIZAWL(LEN GPUJ)	2307	0	2307	190462	0	190462	4038	0	4038	357639	0	357639	4058	0	4058	398667	0	398667
BARAPANI (SHILLONG)	1816	0	1816	62824	0	62824	3198	0	3198	109788	0	109788	3839	0	3839	154658	0	154658
DIMAPUR	4848	0	4848	206519	0	206519	5415	0	5415	295361	0	295361	3972	0	3972	319590	0	319590
GUWAHATI	33564	8	33572	3148940	16	3148956	45701	208	45909	5039315	12165	5051480	45578	570	46148	5927288	30321	5957609
IMPHAL	8811	0	8811	814913	0	814913	12097	1	12098	1233997	0	1233997	12861	0	12861	1274666	0	1274666
ITANAGAR (HOLONGI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	476	0	476	35538	0	35538	1766	0	1766	147790	0	147790
JORHAT	728	0	728	75172	0	75172	1253	0	1253	151617	0	151617	1703	0	1703	168468	0	168468
LAKHIMPUR (LILABARI)	1000	0	1000	27486	0	27486	1220	0	1220	30417	0	30417	1234	0	1234	36172	0	36172
MOHANBARI (DIBRUGARH)	5394	0	5394	525925	0	525925	7382	0	7382	675304	0	675304	8368	0	8368	745876	0	745876
PASIGHAT	458	0	458	5814	0	5814	777	0	777	9920	0	9920	412	0	412	8211	0	8211
RUPSI	742	0	742	26181	0	26181	1076	0	1076	36574	0	36574	716	0	716	33257	0	33257
SILCHAR	3417	0	3417	316178	0	316178	3731	0	3731	399006	0	399006	4554	0	4554	412654	0	412654
TEZPUR	416	0	416	4896	0	4896	712	0	712	4024	0	4024	1554	0	1554	32273	0	32273
TEZU	274	0	274	6770	0	6770	928	0	928	16517	0	16517	904	0	904	12048	0	12048
ZIRO	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	181	0	181	122	0	122	299	0	299
TOTAL	72047	8	72055	6313286	16	6313302	100247	209	100456	9781285	12165	9793450	102547	570	103117	11142587	30321	11172908
