

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 39
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd July 2024)

UNSERVED AND UNDESERVED AIRPORTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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

- (a) the details of unserved and undeserved airports that have been operationalised under UDAN scheme particularly in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized under UDAN and other schemes to enhance aviation infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh in the last two years;
- (c) whether the UDAN scheme has boost the aviation sector making the air travel more attainable for citizens of the country; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to transform the aviation sector in Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): On conclusion of five rounds of bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), 579 routes connecting 85 unserved and underserved airports, including 13 heliports & 02 water aerodromes, have been operationalised, out of which four (02 airports namely Shimla and Kullu, and 02 heliports namely Mandi and Rampur) are in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) Rs. 213.52 crores has been allocated for upgradation and development of airports/heliports under UDAN Scheme in the State of Himachal Pradesh, out of which Rs. 160.48 crores has been utilized till 30.06.2024.

(c) RCS-UDAN has provided stimulus to the aviation sector in the country by, inter alia, development of airports/heliports/water aerodromes in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, facilitating growth of regional airlines, introduction of various types of aircraft etc. thereby providing affordable and accessible air travel to remote areas of the country. More than 141 lakh passengers have so far flown on RCS flights.

(d) 02 airports and 02 heliports have so far been upgraded/developed under

UDAN in the State of Himachal Pradesh. 30 RCS Routes have been operationalised in the State of Himachal Pradesh since the inception of the scheme. The development of Heliports at Sanjoli and Baddi is under progress and the Heliport at Manali is at planning stage. Under UDAN Round 5.1, four (04) new Heliports have been identified for development at Chamba, Palampur, Rakkar and Reckong Peo, in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
