

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1456
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th December 2024
KRISHI UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) the objectives of the Krishi UDAN scheme;
- (b) the number of flights and airports covered under the Krishi UDAN scheme since its launch, and total volume of agricultural produce transported through this scheme to date;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and spent on Krishi UDAN scheme during the last three years within Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to address logistical challenges, such as cold storage facilities, cargo handling and cost of air transport, to make the Krishi UDAN scheme more effective for farmers; and
- (e) whether there are any plans to include exports of agricultural products under this scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) The Krishi Udan Scheme aims to ensure seamless, cost effective, time-bound air transportation and associated logistics for all Agri-produce originating especially from Northeast, hilly and tribal regions of the country, so that it improves their value realisation.

Krishi Udan Scheme is a convergence scheme where eight Ministries/Departments namely Ministry of Civil Aviation, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region would leverage their existing schemes to strengthen the logistics for transportation of Agri-produce.

(b) The Krishi Udan Scheme covers 58 airports in the country, primarily focusing on 25 airports in North Eastern, Hilly and Tribal region besides 33 airports in other regions/areas. The list of airports is at annexure.

All perishable commodities are covered under Krishi Udan Scheme in the country which includes horticulture, fishery, livestock and processed products.

The Total Annual Perishable Tonnage (in MT) Handled in India are as under:

Financial Year	Domestic	International	Total
2021-22	79,275	1,90,484	2,69,759
2022-23	85,118	1,84,086	2,69,204
2023-24	75,794	2,18,701	2,94,494

(c) There is no specific budget allocation under Krishi Udan Scheme.

(d) For facilitating and incentivising movement of agri-produce by air transportation, waiver of Landing charges, Parking charges are provided for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger-to-Cargo) Aircraft by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Ministry of Defence at their selected Krishi Udan airports. In addition, Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) and Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) are waived off at the selected AAI airports.

Presently, cold storage facility is available at 35 airports in India namely, Agartala, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bagdogra, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Goa, Goa Mopa, Guwahati, Hubballi, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Kannur, Kochi, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangaluru, Mumbai, Nagpur, Nashik, Port Blair, Ranchi, Srinagar, Surat, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli, Varanasi, and Visakhapatnam.

(e) All perishable commodities are covered under Krishi Udan Scheme in the country originating from the 58 Krishi Udan airports, especially from Northeast, hilly and tribal regions of the country, which includes horticulture, fishery, livestock and processed products.

State-wise List of Airports Covered Under Krishi Udan Scheme**(i) North-Eastern Region, Hilly Airports, Tribal Airports & Island (25)**

State/Union Territory	Airport
Andaman & Nicobar	1. Port Blair
Arunachal Pradesh	2. Tezu
Assam	3. Dibrugarh
	4. Jorhat
	5. Lilabari
	6. Rupsi
	7. Silchar
Chhattisgarh	8. Raipur
Himachal Pradesh	9. Bhuntar
	10. Gaggal
	11. Shimla
Jammu & Kashmir	12. Jammu
	13. Srinagar
Jharkhand	14. Ranchi
Ladakh	15. Leh
Lakshadweep	16. Agatti
Manipur	17. Imphal
Meghalaya	18. Shillong
Mizoram	19. Lengpui
Nagaland	20. Dimapur
Sikkim	21. Pakyong
Tripura	22. Agartala
Uttarakhand	23. Dehradun
	24. Pantnagar
	25. Pithoragarh

(ii) Other Airports (33)

State/Union Territory	Airport
Andhra Pradesh	1. Visakhapatnam
Assam	2. Tezpur
Bihar	3. Patna
	4. Darbhanga
Chandigarh	5. Chandigarh
Goa	6. Goa
Gujarat	7. Bhuj
	8. Jamnagar

	9. Rajkot
Karnataka	10. Belagavi
Kerala	11. Thiruvananthapuram
Madhya Pradesh	12. Indore
	13. Bhopal
	14. Jabalpur
Maharashtra	15. Nashik
	16. Pune
Odisha	17. Jharsuguda
Punjab	18. Adampur
	19. Amritsar
	20. Pathankot
Rajasthan	21. Jaisalmer
	22. Jodhpur
Tamil Nadu	23. Coimbatore
	24. Tiruchirappalli
Uttar Pradesh	25. Agra
	26. Bareilly
	27. Gorakhpur
	28. Hindon
	29. Kanpur
	30. Prayagraj
	31. Varanasi
West Bengal	32. Bagdogra
	33. Kolkata
