

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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PROGRESS AND IMPACT OF RCS-UDAN

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

- (a) specific data regarding the progress and impact of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN since its inception;
- (b) the number of routes and airports that have been operationalized under the UDAN scheme as of now;
- (c) the total number of passengers benefited from this scheme till date; and
- (d) the details on the financial allocation and utilization for airport development under UDAN scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses.

During the last eight years after commencement of the scheme, 613 RCS routes connecting 87 unserved and underserved airports including 13 heliports and 02 water aerodromes, have been operationalised (till 30.11.2024) under the Scheme. More than 146 lakh domestic passengers have so far travelled through 2.86 lakh RCS flights.

For revival and development of un-served and under-served airports/heliports/water-aerodromes in the country, an amount of Rs. 4500 crore in the Phase I and an amount of Rs.1000 Crores in Phase II of the Scheme has been allocated. An expenditure of Rs. 4135.45 Cr. has been incurred for revival/development of airports as on 31.10.2024.
