

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 29
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th November 2024
FUNDS RELEASED UNDER UDAN SCHEME

29. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH

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

- (a) the details regarding the funds released under the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme, year-wise;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that there was a gap of 27 per cent or 109 routes between operationalized and actual operational routes in December 2021;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps taken to increase the number of operational air-routes during the last five years?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

- (a) Details of funds released under the Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) Scheme year-wise is in Annexure-A.**
- (b) to (c) As on 31-12-2021, 405 RCS routes commenced and 292 RCS routes were in operation. The reasons for route disconnections include the COVID-19 pandemic and State Government imposed restrictions, which led to low passenger demand and discontinuation of routes.**
- (d) During the past five years, the UDAN Scheme has evolved through various phases to enhance regional air connectivity in the country including introduction of tourism routes, seaplanes, helicopters, focus on the North-East Region, expanding operations to hilly regions, Islands, etc. Two major UDAN rounds and 10 bidding cycles have been launched in the past five years to include more destinations for establishing air connectivity under the Scheme.**

So far 609 RCS routes connecting 86 unserved/ underserved airports including 2 Water Aerodromes and 13 Heliports have been operationalised under the Scheme.

Annexure -A

Funds released for Airport Development under the UDAN Scheme

S. No.	Financial Year	Amount (in cr.)
1.	2017-18	200.10
2.	2018-19	316.99
3.	2019-20	420.13
4.	2020-21	630
5.	2021-22	900
6.	2022-23	900
7.	2023-24	618