

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1124
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th March 2025)

UNSTABLE USE OF AIRSTRIPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY INCLUDING MORBI

1124. SHRI KESARIDEVSINH JHALA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that several usable airstrips across the country including Morbi under the jurisdiction of the State Government are deteriorating due to non-operation;
- (b) whether the Central Government proposes to initiate operations in consultation with the State Governments at these airstrips and to open avenues for new players for the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS);
- (c) the steps being taken by the Central Government to restore and operationalize these airstrips under the State Government's jurisdiction; and
- (d) the details of timeline for reviving these airstrips and integrating them into the RCS?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d) UDAN is a demand-driven scheme wherein bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations/stations and routes and airline operators assess the feasibility of operation on a particular route and bid under the scheme from time to time. As per provisions in UDAN Scheme, revival/upgradation of unserved & underserved airports is done upon its identification through a valid bid and award to the SAO (Selected Airline Operator).

The list of airstrips/airports/Water aerodromes for inclusion in UDAN scheme documents are finalized in consultation with the State Government concerned and published for information of stakeholders. Morbi airstrip is not listed in UDAN scheme document in the list of un-served airports in the UDAN scheme documents.

In future rounds of bidding under UDAN, if the State Government requests to include the Morbi airstrip under the UDAN scheme, the same may be included in UDAN scheme Document. On receipt of a valid bid for the operation of RCS

flights from Morbi, the same may be considered as per the provision of the scheme.
