GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 16
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd February 2025)

**PROPOSED AIRPORTS FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL UNDER UDAN
SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU**

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

(a) the details of selected/proposed airports for domestic travel under UDAN
scheme in Tamil Nadu;
(b) the details of airports which are ready and those that are yet to be developed
under UDAN scheme in Tamil Nadu;
(c) whether there is a demand to connect more airports from Tamil Nadu, if so, the
details thereof including the destinations already added and the destinations which
are being added; and
(d) the status of the survey conducted regarding the airstrips under UDAN scheme
in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

 (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): In the State of Tamil Nadu, five airports namely, Salem, Vellore,
Neyveli, Tanjore and Ramnad were identified for the development and operation of
RCS flights under the RCS-UDAN Scheme. RCS flights have already commenced
operations from Salem.

The development work at Neyveli and Vellore has been completed and the airports
are currently undergoing the licensing process. The State Government is still in the
process of acquiring land for the Ramnad airport. At Tanjore, the construction of
civil enclave can be taken up by AAI on provision of required Approach Road by
the State Government.

(c) & (d): Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-
UDAN) scheme is a market-driven scheme, wherein airline operators assess the
feasibility of operations on a particular route and bid under the scheme from time
to time. As per provisions in the UDAN Scheme, revival/upgradation of unserved
& underserved airports is done on its identification through valid bid & award to

the SAO (Selected Airline Operator)

The unserved airstrips in Tamil Nadu at Arkonam, Chettinad, Cholavaram, Sulur and Ulundurpet are available in the UDAN Scheme document for bidding.

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