

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 661**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025)

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION DAY CELEBRATION**

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SHRI BRIJ LAL

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

- (a) the vision of Government in expanding civil aviation infrastructure in Tier-2, and Tier-3 cities?
- (b) whether there were any major announcements or policy updates made during the event that will impact the country's civil aviation sector?
- (c) if so, the details thereof? and
- (d) the recent achievements or milestones in civil aviation in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) The RCS UDAN Scheme envisaged in National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016 envisages providing connectivity to un-served and underserved airports of the country through revival of existing air strips and airports. In pursuance of the policy, the Government has been taking concrete steps to take flying to the masses by making it affordable, convenient and also provide safe, secure, affordable and sustainable air travel for passengers as well as air transportation of cargo with access to various parts of India and the world and establish an integrated ecosystem which is leading to significant growth of the civil aviation sector which in turn is also promoting tourism, increasing employment and leading to balanced regional growth across the country.

(b) & (c) The theme of the International Civil Aviation Day 2024 was Safe Skies. Sustainable Future: Together for the next 80 years. Government of India (GoI) has not made any major announcements or policy updates consequent to the observance of International Civil Aviation Day celebrated on 07.12.2024.

(d) The growth in our Civil Aviation Sector has been unprecedented. India has shown a significant transformation in just one decade. The recent achievements or milestones in Civil Aviation in the country are as follows:

- In the recent 2 years Indian Airlines have ordered more than 1700 new aircraft.
- India is moving forward with the goal of becoming a leading aviation hub by the end of this decade, with a \$4 billion MRO industry.
- India has launched a very ambitious drone project in rural areas, especially in the agriculture sector. India have created a pool of trained drone pilots through the village-to-village 'Drone didi' campaign.
- Government of India has so far accorded 'in-principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country.
- The domestic passenger traffic by scheduled domestic Indian airlines has witnessed a growth of 5.9% in the year 2024 as compared to previous year which set a new record where domestic air passenger traffic crossed 5 lakhs for the first time in a single day on November 17, 2024.
- During the period January to November 2024 a total of 64.5 million passengers were carried on international routes by Scheduled Indian & foreign operators as against 58.0 million in the corresponding period in 2023, thereby witnessing a growth of 11.4%.
- During the year 2024 (Jan-Dec), the aircraft fleet of Scheduled/Scheduled Commuter operators has increased from 771 to 834.

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