

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1617
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th August 2025)**

UDAN SCHEME IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA

1617. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA

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

- (a) under the UDAN Scheme, the number of regional airports in the State of Karnataka operationalised or upgraded to boost intra-State connectivity;
- (b) current status of development of airports in Ballari, Kolar, Kushalnagar, Raichur and Hassan under the UDAN (RCS) scheme;
- (c) expected timelines for operationalisation, and total central assistance allocated for each of these airstrips; and
- (d) whether new routes have been finalised for the airports previously identified for operation of flights under the scheme in Bidar, Mysuru, Vidyanagar, Hubballi, Kalaburagi, Shivamogga, Belagavi, Vijayapura and Karwar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): In the State of Karnataka, 7 airports, namely - Bidar, Mysore, Vidyanagar, Hubli, Kalaburagi, Belgaum and Shivamogga, have been operationalized under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN). The airstrips, namely Bellary, Kolar, Kushalnagara, Raichur and Hassan, are unserved airports available in the UDAN scheme document for bidding. Under UDAN 5.2, bids have been received for small aircraft operations (less than 20-seaters) for Bellary and Kolar airstrips.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has requested the State Government of Karnataka to provide consent and confirm the availability of land for the development of these airports. This includes ensuring that the land is provided free of cost and free from encumbrances, and is suitable for operating small aircraft (2B) initially, with the potential for future expansion to category 3C. The actual timelines for airport projects depend upon various factors such as land acquisition, mandatory clearances, removal of obstacles, etc.

Further, no bids have been received for Kushalnagara, Raichur and Hassan airstrips

so far.

UDAN is a demand-driven scheme, wherein airline operators assess the feasibility of operation on a particular route and bid under the scheme from time to time. The selection of airlines is done through a transparent bidding process. Valid bids are evaluated and awarded to the airlines for operationalisation of routes under the Scheme.
