

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1628  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025)**

**SEAPLANE ROUTES UNDER UDAN SCHEME**

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

- (a) whether 100 seaplane routes have been identified under the UDAN scheme and the number that are targeted to become operational by 2026;
- (b) whether financial or operational support is being provided to Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) for setting up water aerodromes;
- (c) whether the Central Government is coordinating with State Governments to streamline approvals for seaplane services and improvements have been made over previous attempts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced seaplane operations from water aerodromes under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik 3.0 (RCS-UDAN 3.0). During various rounds of bidding, 30 valid seaplane routes have been awarded, connecting identified water aerodromes.

(b): Under the RCS-UDAN Scheme, once a water-body is identified for connectivity and development of a water-aerodrome through the UDAN bidding round, the same is taken up for allocation of funds under the 'Revival of airports/heliport/water-aerodrome' Scheme and the expenditure for development works is reimbursed to the concerned owner/developer of the water-aerodrome. Till date, no water-aerodrome has been identified for development in Maharashtra under the Scheme.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) is supporting State

Governments in water aerodrome development through stakeholder consultations and workshops with DGCA, BCAS, airlines, and manufacturers. It facilitates regulatory approvals, addresses safety and operational issues, shares technical know-how, and coordinates with central agencies to align technical, regulatory, and financial aspects.

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