

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 803  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025)**

**NEW AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN RCS SCHEME**

803.      **SHRI SAKET GOKHALE**

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

- (a) the total number of airports constructed between 2020 to 2025 under the UDAN RCS Scheme;
- (b) the number of these newly constructed airports that were greenfield built in places where no airport existed; and
- (c) the total number of newly constructed airports during the last five years that are entirely inactive as on date due to lack of flight operations?

**ANSWER**

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

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. Under RCS-UDAN, revival / upgradation of unserved & underserved airports is done on its identification through valid bid & award to the Selected Airline Operator. Since 2016, 92 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes, have been developed and operationalized.

For the construction of new greenfield airports in the country, Government of India has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008. As per the policy, if any Airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. Since 2020, seven new Greenfield Airports namely, Mopa in Goa, Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Shivamogga in Karnataka, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Rajkot (Hirasar) in Gujarat, Oravakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh and Itanagar (Hollongi) in Arunachal Pradesh have become operationalised. As on date, out of these seven newly constructed Greenfield Airports, Kushinagar Airport does not have scheduled flight operations.

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