

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 813
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2025)**

INCLUSION OF NANDED AIRPORT UNDER UDAN

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

- (a) whether after inclusion of Nanded airport under UDAN scheme there is overwhelming response from passengers travelling from Shri Guru Gobind Singhji Airport, Nanded in Maharashtra to different destinations;
- (b) whether Nanded airport has no direct flight connectivity to Mumbai because of non availability of slots at Mumbai airport;
- (c) if so, whether while considering upcoming airport at Navi Mumbai it has been requested to make available slots at Mumbai airport for flights from Mumbai-Nanded-Mumbai; and
- (d) if so, time frame by when such a slot can be made available at Mumbai airport for flights from Mumbai to Nanded and back?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) : Nanded Airport was operationalised on 16-11-2017 under RCS-UDAN. Presently, Star Air is operating RCS flights connecting Nanded with Ahmedabad, Pune, Hindon, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad under the UDAN scheme. In the year 2024-25, more than 1.30 lakhs passengers travelled from Nanded airport.

(b): Nanded-Mumbai route was operated by Trujet under RCS-UDAN for a period of 3 years commencing 16.11.2017. Nanded and Mumbai are served airports as per the provisions of the UDAN Scheme.

No airline has expressed the non-availability of slots at Mumbai airport as a challenge in commencing the route.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.