

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Rajya Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 829**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2025**  
**STATUS OF NEWLY BUILT AIRPORTS**

**829. SHRI P. P. SUNEER**

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

- (a) the lists and number of new airports built after the commencement of the UDAN scheme and the expenditure incurred for building new, greenfield airports;**
- (b) the number of flights available from the newly built airports, airport-wise;**
- (c) the estimated capacity addition through new greenfield airports in terms of passengers and freight volume; and**
- (d) the passenger count for newly built airports during the last three years?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION  
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

**(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) in 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 their identification through valid bid & award to the Selected Airline Operator.**

**Government of India (GoI) approved Rs.4500 Crore for the revival upgradation of unserved and underserved airports, heliports, and water aerodromes owned by Airports Authority of India (AAI), State Government, Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), and Ministry of Defence (MoD). Additionally, Rs.1000 Crore has also been**

**approved in Phase-II to revive 50 more airports. A total of Rs.4604 Crore has been incurred in this regard and 92 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes have been developed and operationalized.**

**New airports are constructed under the 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. So far, GoI has accorded 'In-Principle' approval for setting up of 24 Greenfield airports across the country, out of which 12 airports have been operationalised.**

**(b): The number of weekly scheduled flights from 12 operationalised Greenfield Airports is at Annexure.**

**(c): Approximately 28 million passenger per annum capacity has been added through 12 operationalised Greenfield airports. Further, Cargo capacity of more than 1,03,500 Metric Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) has been augmented at Airports namely, Durgapur, Kannur, and Mopa. Further, at the recently developed Greenfield airports of Hirasar and Hollongi single-shift cargo operations are proposed to be commenced, which will initially utilize the planned handling capacity of 20,000 MTPA each. At Kalaburagi airport, air cargo movement has already been operationalized through the existing passenger terminal facilities in order to enhance regional air cargo connectivity.**

**(d): More than 10 Crore passengers were handled at these airports during the last three years from FY 2022-23 to 2024-25.**

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## Annexure

**Statement referred in reply of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 829 for answer on 28.07.2025**

### **Number of weekly scheduled flights from 12 operationalised Greenfield Airports**

Sl.No	Airport	Number of Scheduled flights per week (Arrival+ Departure)
1	Durgapur	76
2	Shirdi	84
3	Pakyong	-
4	Kannur	270
5	Kalaburagi	14
6	Orvakal	18
7	Sindhudurg	15
8	Kushinagar	-
9	Itanagar	36
10	Mopa	714
11	Shivamogga	40
12	Rajkot	130