

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 10
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st December 2025)

**FINANCIAL PROVISIONS, BUDGET AND CONTINUITY OF ROUTES IN
UDAN SCHEME**

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

- (a) the difference between the budget earmarked for the UDAN scheme for the coming year and the budget already allocated;
- (b) the impact estimated on the plan's objectives (new routes, new airports, increase in passengers), whether the budget has been reduced;
- (c) the routes on which operation has been discontinued or reduced and the resultant situation thereof; and
- (d) the strategy adopted by Government to improve areas where operational or budget constraints have affected the scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): The budget allocated under 'Revival of unserved/underserved airstrips' Scheme for F.Y. 2025-26 is Rs.300 Crore. Budget for FY 26-27 is yet to be announced. There has been no adverse impact on the scheme's progress on account of budget constraints.

(c) : 151 RCS Routes were discontinued before completing 3 years due to a variety of factors such as COVID-19 pandemic, aircraft shortage, supply chain issues, aircraft maintenance, airport/runway maintenance, low passenger demand on some routes, etc. The Implementing Agency is continuously coordinating with the respective airlines to revive such routes.

(d) : Scheme provisions have been improved to address operational challenges which include prioritization framework for unserved airports, re-bidding discontinued routes, strengthening monitoring mechanism to ensure timely resolution of bottlenecks, encouraging the use of smaller aircraft on land-constrained airports, etc.
