

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1611
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th December 2025)**

**SAFETY AUDITS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNISATION AT
AIRPORTS IN UTTAR PRADESH**

1611. SMT GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA

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

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has conducted recent safety audits at key airports in the State of Uttar Pradesh, including Lucknow and Varanasi, after recent global safety ranking downgrades?

(b) the number of observations made regarding runway quality, navigation systems and terminal congestion during the last twelve months?

(c) whether any funds have been sanctioned under the Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme for upgrading regional airports such as Kushinagar and Ayodhya? and

(d) whether Government is coordinating with AAI and private operators to improve air connectivity to eastern and Bundelkhand districts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): Yes, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) conducts regular Surveillance inspection as per Annual Surveillance Plan (ASP), including airports at Lucknow and Varanasi.

During the last twelve months, 03 (Level 2) observations regarding Runway quality and 07 (Level 2) observations regarding navigation systems identified at airports in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(c): Kushinagar and Ayodhya airports in Uttar Pradesh have been developed at a cost of Rs.108.22 crore and Rs.347.41 crore respectively under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN.

(d): As per Winter Schedule 2025, scheduled airlines have proposed to operate scheduled flights to/from nine (09) airports of Uttar Pradesh, namely Agra, Ayodhya, Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Hindon, Kanpur, Lucknow, Prayagraj and Varanasi.
