

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th December 2025)

PROGRESS STATUS OF ROUTES UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) the national status of routes awarded and operationalised under Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN), including details;
- (b) airports covered, aircraft deployed, traffic generated and pending routes with reasons;
- (c) the status of UDAN routes operational in the State of Gujarat, indicating passenger load factors, frequency of service and viability gap funding released;
- (d) whether any evaluations have identified gaps in airport preparedness, airline participation, route sustainability or delays in infrastructure readiness; and
- (e) the corrective measures undertaken to improve route viability, enhance operator participation and expedite airport upgrades supporting UDAN operations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), a total of 923 valid RCS routes have been awarded across the nation. Out of these, 651 routes, connecting 93 airports, including 2 water aerodromes and 15 heliports have been operationalised so far with operations through various categories of aircraft including 9 to 78 seater fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters under the priority routes.

More than 157 lakh passengers have benefited from the operation of 3.27 lakh RCS flights under the Scheme.

A total of 272 RCS routes are yet to commence operations due to factors such as airports being under development or at the planning stage, non-availability of aircraft with Selected Airline Operators (SAOs), and commercial non-viability.

(c): In the State of Gujarat, 71 routes with maximum seven weekly frequencies have been operationalised. An amount of Rs. 208.65 crore has been disbursed to airlines as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for operationalisation of RCS routes connecting Gujarat as on 30.11.2025.

(d) to (e): The following studies have been conducted on the UDAN Scheme:

"The Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN - Progress and Prospects" by the Indian School of Business (ISB), 2021-22.

"Evaluation Study of Regional Connectivity Scheme" by DMEO, NITI Aayog, 2023-24.

Efforts to address the issues identified in these evaluation under the Modified UDAN Scheme are underway.
