

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 38
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st December 2025)**

UDAN SCHEME IN UTTAR PRADESH

38. SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH

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

- (a) the current status of the UDAN scheme in expanding regional connectivity nationally;
- (b) the specific plans for enhancing air connectivity in the State of Uttar Pradesh, including the development of new airports or expansion of existing ones;
- (c) the progress made on the operationalization and development of Kushinagar International Airport, including the number of international and domestic flights currently operating;
- (d) whether there are any proposals to introduce new flight routes connecting Kushinagar to major domestic hubs like Mumbai and Bengaluru; and
- (e) the steps being taken to improve passenger amenities and infrastructure at Kushinagar airport to boost tourism and trade?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), 651 RCS routes connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes, have been operationalised across the nation. More than 157 lakh passengers have benefited from the operation of 3.27 lakh RCS flights under the Scheme.

(b): A total of 18 airports namely Agra, Aligarh, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur, Chitrakoot, Ayodhya, Ghazipur, Jhansi, Moradabad, Kushinagar, Meerut, Muirpur, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Saharanpur, Fursatganj and Hindon, have been identified in the State of Uttar Pradesh under the UDAN scheme.

The expansion and upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by the Airport Operators from time to time, depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand/willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports.

(c) & (d): Kushinagar airport has been upgraded from VFR to IFR, enabling night landings. Airlines have been informed of the upgrade, but no slot requests have been received yet.

Under UDAN, airlines have been unable to operate the routes connecting Kushinagar due to aircraft constraints.

(e): All basic passenger amenities related to safety, security, hygiene, accessibility and passenger facilitation are available at Kushinagar Airport.
