

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 47
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st December 2025)**

GROWTH OF REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY UNDER UDAN 5.0

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

- (a) the number of new routes approved under UDAN 5.0;
- (b) the States with maximum operational routes;
- (c) whether passenger traffic has increased in tier-II cities;
- (d) whether destinations in North Eastern States have been adequately covered;
- (e) the support given to airlines for viability-gap funding; and
- (f) the roadmap for achieving 100 percent UDAN coverage by 2026?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) and (b) : Under UDAN 5.0, 160 RCS routes have been awarded to the Selected Airline Operators (SAOs). The States with maximum operationalised RCS routes are Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand.

(c) and (d) : Under the UDAN scheme, more than 157 lakh passengers, including Tier-II cities, have been benefited from the operation of 3.27 lakh RCS flights. In the North Eastern Region, 10 airports have been operationalized.

(e) and (f) : RCS-UDAN is an ongoing market-driven scheme in which the unserved and underserved airstrips/airports are listed for bidding by airlines to provide connectivity. Bidding rounds are conducted periodically to cover more destinations under the scheme. Airlines submit bids based on demand assessment on particular routes. Valid bids received from airlines are awarded for the operationalisation of routes. Under the scheme, 651 RCS routes connecting 93 airports including 15 heliports & 02 water aerodromes have been operationalised, as on 26.11.2025. VGF amount of Rs. 4352 crores has been disbursed to support the Selected Airline Operators.
