

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 6
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st December 2025)**

UNDERUTILISATION OF AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that several airports developed under the UDAN scheme remain underutilised or have limited commercial flight operations;
- (b) if so, the details of such airports, State-wise, where commercial operations have not yet commenced or have been discontinued;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any review of the reasons behind poor airline participation and viability challenges under UDAN routes;
- (d) the measures being taken to address issues such as low passenger demand, limited private airline interest; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to revise the UDAN model to ensure that regional airports do not become non-functional assets?

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), 651 routes have been operationalised, connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports, along with 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes across the country. As of now, the following fifteen airports namely, Pathankot, Pakyong, Kushinagar, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Shravasti, Moradabad, Bhavnagar, Ambikapur, Rourkela, Ludhiana, Datia, Kalaburgi, Shimla are temporarily non-operational under the UDAN Scheme due to various reasons, such as completion of the three-year VGF tenure, poor visibility conditions, aircraft shortage, runway maintenance closures, etc.

(c) & (d): Based on regular feedback from stakeholders like State Governments, airlines, airport operators etc Ministry has periodically improved Scheme provisions to address route viability and airline participation. Presently, 10 airlines including the major ones, are operating under the RCS-UDAN.

(e): The Government has announced the launch of the Modified UDAN Scheme to

increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations across the country and to cater to 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years.
