

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 815
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th December 2025)**

PROGRESS UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) the number of routes operationalised and airports made functional under the UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme since 2022;
- (b) the number of routes that have become self-sustaining without Viability Gap Funding;
- (c) whether Government plans to extend UDAN 5.0 to new underserved regions; and
- (d) the estimated socio-economic benefits observed through enhanced regional air connectivity, especially in tier-2 and tier-3 cities?

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), 246 routes and 28 airports, including 07 heliports, have been operationalised since 2022.

(b): Around 150 RCS routes operationalised under UDAN have become self-sustainable.

(c): The Government continues to expand regional connectivity under ongoing bidding rounds. Under UDAN 5.0, 160 RCS routes have been awarded to the Selected Airline Operators (SAOs). To further enhance regional connectivity, the Government has announced the modified UDAN Scheme to connect 120 new destinations across the country, catering to 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years.

(d): RCS-UDAN has boosted regional economic growth by improving connectivity in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, fostering tourism, trade, employment, and inclusive development across remote and underserved regions. So far, over 1.57 crore domestic passengers have travelled on more than 3.27 lakh RCS flights.
