

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 819
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th December 2025)**

THE NUMBER OF AIRPORTS IN ODISHA INCLUDED UNDER UDAN

819. **SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA**

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

- (a) the number of airports in the State of Odisha that have been included under the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) regional connectivity scheme;
- (b) whether Government is aware that several districts of the State of Odisha continue to remain underserved in terms of air connectivity; and
- (c) the details of steps taken to strengthen aviation infrastructure in the State of Odisha, airport-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN, four (04) airports in the State of Odisha- namely, Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Utkela, and Jeypore have been operationalised. Additionally, Rangeilunda, Amarda, and Rairangpur (Dandabose) airstrips in Odisha have been identified for development under the UDAN scheme.

Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN is an ongoing scheme wherein bidding rounds are conducted from time to time for covering more destinations and routes under the scheme. Revival / up-gradation of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO).

Modernisation and capacity enhancement of airports is an ongoing process undertaken by AAI, State Governments and other airport operators based on land availability, viability and traffic demand.
