

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 832
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th December 2025)

INCREASE IN SHORT DISTANCE FLIGHTS AND CARRIERS

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to increase the number of short distance carriers which operate on unconventional routes to enhance the regional connectivity;
- (b) whether such routes have been identified, if so, the details of such routes in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) whether new carriers have been given licence recently to operate on such routes across the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri MurliDhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), 93 unserved and underserved airports (including 15 heliports & 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalised connecting 651 routes across the country. Under the UDAN Scheme, bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations/stations. In Madhya Pradesh, a total of 62 routes have been awarded out of which 43 have been operationalised so far. With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service depending on their operational & commercial viability.
